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Objection Made to Terms of Private Bill Introduced in Commons

DOMINION AND PROVINCE

Minister of Militia Refers to Speech Made By General Lake

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The day's proceedings in the House of Commons were mainly devoted to the discussion of several private bills. One of them, introduced by Mr. Turfitt, related to the subsidy granted by the Ontario government to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for the line running between Port William and the National Transcontinental. It had been agreed between that province and the railway that if the line was ever sold to the Dominion government the province should be returned the amount of the subsidy, and the company had undertaken to secure this through the present bill. Mr. Graham, minister of railways, stated that he could not accept the policy that any other government or any company could give a guarantee to compel parliament to pass certain legislation. There was also a provision regarding rates which the minister found to be an infringement on the rights of the railway commission. The bill stood over.

Most of the talk centered on Mr. Conmee's bill incorporating the Ontario & Michigan Power company, which was rejected by the Senate last year on the ground that it was an invasion of provincial rights. Today it was given its second reading and sent to the railway committee, where the fight upon it will be waged. The company wants a federal charter, and urges the ground that two waterways affected are an international and navigable stream, parliament being therefore the proper party to issue a charter. It also desires its works to be declared for the general advantage of Canada. Neither the Premier nor Mr. Graham would commit himself. The premier saying, "being treated at the Jubilee hospital a number of patients suffering from various diseases for whom some separate provision should be made. These patients, as a rule, have neither money or friends and it is almost impossible to discharge them. The cost of keeping them is considerable and the deputation suggested that the money should be placed in wards providing for such cases. The suggestion was made that some of these patients might be given homes in the Old Men's Home, in the Home for Aged and Infirm Women. Mayor Hall promised that the council would take the matter into serious consideration. A deputation consisting of the above, along with Magistrate George Jay, urged that a Juvenile Delinquents' court should be established. The need of such a court was pointed out. If such were established the problem of dealing with youthful offenders would be solved. The council has already established where such courts have been established they have proved to be a great success. To this suggestion Mayor Hall also promised consideration.

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Resolved, That the council be respectfully urged to remove the pound from its present site to a more suitable location. This resolution, which was handed into the council, will be considered by the health and morals committee.

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Gets Seven Years

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Charles Barker, who on January 2nd broke into the jewelry store of Charles P. Sterling & Co., and stole four gold watches and a few days ago threw a brick through a window of Robinson & Co.'s department store and got away with three gold watches which were on display as bonspiel prizes, was today sentenced to seven years in the Manitoba penitentiary.

Winnipeg Teamsters Locked Out

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—The Teamsters' union of Winnipeg, whose members have been locked out by the Winnipeg Cartage company, have formally invoked the procedure of the Lemieux act. The department of labor at Ottawa has accepted the application, and has taken necessary steps to constitute a board of arbitration. The local union named J. J. O'Donohue, of Toronto, as its representative on the board, but Mr. O'Donohue has declined to act.

The Practical Joker.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Courchesne, 59 years old, is dead as the result of some practical joker rapping on the windows of her residence. The same thing had occurred before, and when it was repeated last night Madame Courchesne, considerably alarmed, procured a revolver and going to the window at which the noise was being made, threatened to shoot the parties outside if they did not desist. Hardly had she spoken when the old lady expired from heart failure brought on by fright.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS COURT IS SUGGESTED

Deputations Wait on Council and Make Important Recommendations

That an infirmary should be established in the city where the chronically diseased and indigent patients can be maintained was the suggestion made last night to the city council by a deputation consisting of Bishop Perrin, Rev. Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Cooper.

At the recent meeting of the Local Council of Women, a resolution was passed in compliance with a resolution of the Home Nursing Society, that an infirmary should be established. It was pointed out by the deputation that the present three being treated at the Jubilee hospital a number of patients suffering from various diseases for whom some separate provision should be made. These patients, as a rule, have neither money or friends and it is almost impossible to discharge them. The cost of keeping them is considerable and the deputation suggested that the money should be placed in wards providing for such cases. The suggestion was made that some of these patients might be given homes in the Old Men's Home, in the Home for Aged and Infirm Women.

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MYSTERIOUS PLAGUE

Little Town of Laprairie Stricken By Disease Which Baffles Skill of Doctors
Montreal, Feb. 15.—With two dead at least, one more dying, and almost ten per cent of the population afflicted with a terrible unknown disease, the town of Laprairie, on the south side of St. Lawrence, is far from being a place of gaiety. One hundred of the 1,100 inhabitants of the town are in bed with black swollen tongues and splitting headaches, and no one, not even the most expert doctors, know what is the dread disease which has stricken the community.

Alberta Conservatives
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Asked today what he had to say regarding the proffered leadership of Alberta Conservatives, M. S. McCarthy, M. P. for Calgary, said it had been impossible as yet to arrive at any decision. He was awaiting the arrival of the communication from the Conservative Association.

Attall and Driscoll
New York, Feb. 15.—Agreement was finally reached today for a ten-round bout between Abe Attall, champion featherweight of the world, and Jim Driscoll, featherweight champion of England, to fight on Friday night at the National club. The match had been previously arranged, but the fighters balked on the weight, and the bout was declared off. It was today agreed to weigh in at 125 pounds and each post a forfeit of \$500 in case they failed to make the weight.

STRIFE IN NAVY REACHES CLIMAX

Lord Charles Beresford Resigns His Command of the Channel Fleet

RETIRE ON MARCH 24TH

The Incident Likely to Lead to Warm Discussion of Naval Questions

London, Eng., Feb. 15.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who was announced last night to have resigned the post of commander-in-chief of the channel fleet, to take effect on March 24, was seen this morning regarding this statement. He declined to discuss the action of the admiralty. "I can say nothing beyond this," said the admiral, "that it is my business to obey orders, and I will have to haul down my flag at the time the admiralty has ordered me to do so. Any further information on this subject must come from the admiralty." The service members of parliament have decided to take an early opportunity of questioning the ministers on this matter. Lord Beresford's friends believe that he has been forced out of the navy by the faction that follows Sir John Fisher, first lord of the admiralty, with whom he recently has waged a constant strife. If this turns out to be the case the discussion of naval matters in parliament is likely to be renewed in an even more heated manner than before.

The press shows much interest as to whether Lord Beresford will stand for parliament as he has done before, and debate naval policies.

Hon. Mr. Fielding Arrives
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 15.—Hon. W. S. Fielding arrived from Liverpool yesterday. He is highly pleased with the success of his mission to France and England.

Niagara Peach Crop Destroyed

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 15.—According to leading fruit growers, the outlook for the Niagara peach crop this year is very poor. This is due to the changeable weather of the past six weeks. A cold snap having followed a period of mild weather. According to one grower, fully ninety per cent of the crop has already been destroyed, and it is asserted that should the temperature fall to fifteen below zero before the opening of spring, the entire crop will be lost.

THIRTY LIVES LOST IN VESSEL COLLISION

A Sailing Ship and Steamer Founder After Crash in Mediterranean

Algiers, Feb. 15.—Thirty lives were lost when an unknown sailing vessel rammed the Belgian steamer Australia on February 12th, near the Alboran island, in the Mediterranean, a hundred miles from Gibraltar, and both vessels foundered. Of this number, fourteen men were on the sailing vessel and sixteen from the Australia. The members of the crew of the Australian who had put off from that vessel in a small boat, were picked up by the German steamer Liberia, and brought in here today.

Fire in Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Fire broke out early this morning and destroyed the two western ends of four houses on Sydenham Street. Five families were rendered homeless. Loss \$4,500.

Scottish Bankers Arrested

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Private cables from Glasgow, Scotland, say that a big sensation has been created there by the arrest of the manager and directors of the Mutual Bank on charges of alleged fraud and imposition, committed between 1902 and 1909.

MURDEROUS ATTACK MADE UPON WOMEN

An Imitator of Jack the Ripper Abroad in the German Capital

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Five more attacks were made upon women late this afternoon and evening in the eastern suburbs, which brought the day's total up to seven and the aggregate to twenty since the beginning of these vicious assaults a few days ago. One of the women was seriously wounded this afternoon, but the injuries of the others were slight. Many persons declare that they have seen the criminal, and the descriptions tally in most cases, leading the police to the conclusion that one man is responsible for every case. Several arrests have been made.

Civil Servants' Salaries

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—The Winnipeg Civil Service association has decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to ask the Dominion government for an increase in pay. The British Columbia association will appoint delegates to act in conjunction with the Manitoba delegates.

J. J. Kelso's Visit

Calgary, Feb. 15.—J. J. Kelso, superintendent of the Ontario department for neglected children, stopped over in Calgary on his way to British Columbia. This evening he addressed the Young Men's club. Tomorrow he will speak at the Canadian club and in the evening at the Y.M.C.A. to a meeting of citizens.

Moral Prince Rupert

Calgary, Feb. 15.—Rev. Dr. Chown, of the department of temperance and moral reform, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Edmonton. He has just come from British Columbia, having been in Prince Rupert for some time. He says that Prince Rupert is the most moral frontier city that has ever been established in America.

Crash in Winnipeg Wheat Pit

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Ten minutes after the wheat market closed today, the fine new solid bronze chandelier, recently made in Montreal, which hangs in the center of the trading room of the grain exchange, fell with a tremendous crash into the pit, where fifty traders had been assembled not five minutes before and which the clerk of the floor had just left. The chandelier, which weighs 500 pounds, had only been temporarily placed in position two or three days ago, and was hanging on a rope. Workmen had commenced to let it down in order to make some alterations on it, and the rope parted when the chandelier was a quarter of the way down. The chandelier is practically ruined.

MUCH HAVOC CAUSED BY SLEET AND SNOW

Electric Wires Are Broken Down and Many Cities Suffer

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The wind, rain and sleet storm which during the last forty-eight hours has played havoc with telegraph wires and traffic in the middle west, will continue until tomorrow night, according to the weather forecaster. By the time it has spent its fury in the middle west it will be moving with its trail of suffering and destruction along the St. Lawrence valley. Tonight the storm, slowly moving northeast, was centered over Tennessee, with a fall of rain and sleet there. In Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indiana and Ohio, the sleet was heavy. In Illinois, the sleet was six inches deep and still falling. The region between Memphis and Buffalo was almost entirely covered with sleet. The slowness with which the storm has moved is remarkable. Before it reaches the St. Lawrence the sleet will have covered over the same place for 72 hours. A short abatement of the storm in the region of Chicago today was followed by a renewal of vigor. Most of the cities in the affected area report considerable suffering and varying degrees of inconvenience due to the sleet. In Chicago, the communication between some cities was kept up by circuitous routes. Chicago during a great part of the day reached Indianapolis by a route running through Albany, N.Y., Washington, back to Cleveland, south to Louisville and thence north again. Pittsburgh, Feb. 15.—Owing to the severe storm in Ohio today trains from the west are arriving here from two to three hours late. The Pennsylvania railroad reports that over fifty miles of poles and telegraph wires are down in the vicinity of Crestline, Ohio, and that the storm is moving eastward.

Indiana Sleet Storm

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—Despatches received from northern and central Indiana say the sleet storm today was the worst on record. Telegraph and telephone wires, trees and shrubs were coated half an inch thick with ice, and the weight of it was so great that hundreds of poles and the limbs of trees and shrubs were broken. Electric light plants in several cities were forced to shut out their current on account of the broken wires and the danger of fires and loss of life. Trains on some railroads were run without orders, because the wires were down and communication in any manner was impossible.

For Sunday Work

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Attorney-General has notified the provincial police to take out summonses for the proprietors of moving picture shows in Montreal for keeping their places open on Sunday, January 31.

Election Protest

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—The Provincial Rights party this morning entered a protest against the election of Hon. W. R. Motherwell in the bye-election for Humboldt during December. It alleges corrupt practices in securing the seat.

Six Months for Forgery

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Alex. McMichael, of Pincher Creek, Alberta, formerly a bank clerk, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment this morning for forgery. He had forged the name of a bank clerk here to a cheque which he got cashed.

Cars for G. T. Pacific

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Grand Trunk Pacific railway has placed so far this year orders for fifty new passenger cars, including ten colonist, five parlor, sixteen first-class, eight sleepers, eight second-class and three dining cars. The new equipment will be placed in service this summer between Port Arthur and Edmonton.

Brewery Amalgamation

Montreal, Feb. 15.—An amalgamation of the breweries in the province of Quebec, which may later be extended to take in all the breweries in Canada seems to be an accomplished fact. A large accumulation of capital will be represented in the new association. Arrangements so far, however, are rather indefinite. A meeting is being held today to discuss the conditions under which each separate firm will enter the association. The object of the combination is to regulate trade.

THEATRE HORROR IN MEXICAN CITY

Over Two Hundred and Fifty People Burned to Death in Acapulco

PICTURE FILM THE CAUSE

Audience Unable to Make Their Escape Through Narrow Exits

Mexico, Feb. 15.—Between 250 and 400 persons were burned to death and many injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores theatre in the city of Acapulco last night. The news of the disaster reached the capital this afternoon, telegraphic communication having been interrupted last night and today, owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theatre was burned and all wires put out of commission.

The Flores theatre was a wooden structure, and last night over 1,000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Flores, of the State of Guerrero, who was visiting the city at the time. One of the numbers of the programme consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these a film caught fire and the blaze was quickly communicated to some bookings which had been used for decorative purposes.

In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure. There were but three narrow exits, and the panic-stricken audience rushed to them, many falling to be crushed to death. Those who were choking the way of escape to others. The screams of those imprisoned were terrific, owing to the rapidity with which the fire spread and its intense heat. It was impossible to attempt rescue work, and those imprisoned were literally roasted alive, as the fire burned with little smoke and few were suffocated.

The efforts of the fire department were confined to attempting to save the adjoining buildings and they succeeded in that the property loss was small. The telegraph office, post office and custom house were damaged, but all of the government records and registered mail was saved.

The last night scenes of grief are being enacted on the streets of the little west coast port. Men, women and children are wandering from place to place hunting for relatives or friends. Many of the dead are from the first families of the state, the affair at the theatre being a social event of considerable importance. Calling out the wealthiest and oldest families for miles around. In some instances whole families were wiped out of existence.

The municipal authorities today caused large trenches to be dug, and into these the remains of the dead were laid. According to telegram received from there, recognition of the dead has been an impossibility, owing to the fact that bodies were burned in most cases to a crisp. Telegrams sent to the American consul at Acapulco by the Associated Press asking for the names of Americans dead as a result of the catastrophe have as yet not been replied to.

Acapulco is on the west coast of the state of Guerrero, and is one of the three important ports of the Pacific coast of Mexico.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE

Arthur, Son of John Flewin, of Port Simpson, Perishes as Result of Boat Capsizing



Port Simpson, Feb. 15.—A sad accident occurred Friday when Arthur Flewin and Walter Brantons, aged 15 and 13 respectively, while coming across the harbor with a boatload of wood, capsized about a mile from shore and a mile and a half from here. The boat was heavily loaded, the weather bitterly cold and rough. The boat burned over three times. Walter climbed on the upturned boat and held his companion, who was badly burned owing to the heavy miner's boots and clothes he was wearing. They thus drifted ashore. Walter was dragging Arthur out of the water when help arrived. In a few minutes a doctor, a nurse and a crowd were at the spot with blankets and restoratives. All efforts to resuscitate Arthur failed. Walter is well, considering the awful exposure, but completely broken down at the death of his companion. Arthur Flewin was the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flewin.

Arthur Flewin, the boy referred to was the grandson of—Herr John Flewin, a pioneer of this city, well known in Victoria. He died ten years ago, some five years after the father of the young boy, whose death is recorded left the city. The grandfather arrived in Victoria 55 years ago and entered the employ of the Hudson Bay Company. He lived alongside St. Ann's convent, where was located what was known as the Flewin gardens.

Herr Beckert Confesses

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 15.—Herr Beckert, the chancellor of the German legation here, who was arrested at Ghilan last week, has confessed to the killing of the servant of the legation, whose body was found ten days ago in the ruins of the legation after the destruction of the building by fire. He declared that he killed man in self-defence. Beckert is being brought here from Ghilan, and will arrive today. The office of the German legation at Santiago was destroyed by fire on February 6, and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. It was then believed that Beckert had perished in the flames, but a careful examination showed that the man was not Beckert, that he had been stabbed to death and that \$9,000 had been taken from the office safe. Suspicion fell upon Beckert and he was arrested February 12.

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INSURANCE BILL IS CONSIDERED BY BOARD

Argument For and Against Put Forward By Those Interested

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon to consider the proposed fire insurance company legislation. Mr. Simon Leiser was in the chair, while Messrs. E. H. Heaps, the president, and R. B. McLellan, members of the Vancouver Board of Trade deputation, were present.

Mr. J. J. Shalleross, having read the report of the special committee which has had this Bill under consideration, and which has already been published, Mr. D. R. Ker then moved that this Board desires to place itself upon record in approving of a certain proposed Bill affecting fire insurance companies, and styled the British Columbia Fire Insurance Companies Act. "I may further say," he remarked, "that I am just in receipt of a letter and a memorandum from Mr. E. J. Palmer of Cheltenham."

Mr. E. J. Palmer—"Is the writer of that letter Mr. Palmer, the manager of the Chemainus Saw Mill Company?"
"Mr. Ker—"Yes, and this letter is as follows:—
Bill Affects Sawmills
D. R. Ker, Esq., Victoria, B. C.
Dear Sir,—Referring to the Fire Insurance Bill, which the underwriters are trying to have the Government accept, and Mr. Bodwell's letter in Sunday's Colonist, I think before the Government takes any radical action, such as the proposed bill, they should give all interested parties every opportunity to discuss the matter, and as I noticed that you have taken a decided stand in the subject, I am taking the liberty of laying my views before you.

It does seem strange, after having done business in the province for so many years, that the underwriters should so suddenly feel called upon to protect the public, especially in a case like this, where they have not taken the public into their confidence, and permitted a fair consideration of the matter by all parties affected, but have sprung the matter as a complete surprise.

Had the insurance people brought in a bill to protect the public from the blunders of their clerks, real estate agents, selling lots in some far distant clime, we would not feel called upon to look so carefully for the colored man in our supply of fuel.

As I hold no brief for any insurance company, as does my friend Mr. Bodwell, and as I represent a company whose interests are seriously threatened by the proposed legislation, I feel that what I have to say should bear considerable weight.

Mr. Bodwell, as a good lawyer, puts the matter in a very plausible light, but you may note that he does not touch on any phases of the subject except those which he wishes his audience to make prominent—he wishes all to meet him on the ground he has prepared.

I agree with him that it is good policy to protect the public, but disagree with him in that the proposed bill is protective measure for the public, but it is rather in the nature of a high board fence for the benefit of the board companies.

If the public are in such urgent need of this protection, why is it left for the board companies to discover it, why has not the public "hollered?"

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companies, the business seeks these companies and they do not have to seek the business, and they certainly will follow to the land of least resistance and cut out B. C.

So you can see the public, especially in the manufacturing line, would surely lose the benefit derived from the two above mentioned classes of insurance should the bill go into effect.

Question of Rates.
Taking up the question of rates, I know just where the board stands on this matter; they will collect up to the limit and only come down when competition from high-class non-board companies compels them to. In our plant here, when we first started operations, our board rates was 3 per cent. After spending large sums in installing water system, fire lighting and protective appliances, our rate was raised to 4 per cent, then to 4½ per cent and the board intimated that our rates would soon be 7.7 per cent.

We took our insurance all out of the board companies and our rate is now 1½ per cent and 2 per cent, being placed with some mutual companies, and through their connection underwritten amongst numerous non-board companies in the United States and Lloyds, London.

The board companies are now willing, since we have done insurance out of their hands, to accept our risk at these rates. This shows that it is merely a matter of competition, as it costs no more to insure our plant than it did before.

Another thing, the policy of large companies is to underwrite their risk through a broker amongst a large number of companies; we ourselves carry as many as sixty different policies. Now some of the companies in our business number of them, do not other business in B. C.; our broker seeks them; they do not come to us; they could not afford to meet the exactions of this act in order to carry a few thousands of insurance in B. C.

To sum up, this legislation is brought forward by the "board" companies. It can only favor the "board" companies. They do not show in any way where the public have suffered by legitimate competition in insurance.

The safeguards they propose are inadequate to protect in event of any company failing, but are high enough to keep out desirable forms of insurance.

The "board" companies have always been the first to advance rates, and the last to reduce them. Why favor legislation favored by them?

The public have not asked for this legislation, are not in favor of it; do not need it.

Which is a further monopoly to a trust already formed. To show you that the "board" companies are not in need of protection I am enclosing a statement showing the total amount of insurance carried on all "sprinkled" plants, by all companies, board and otherwise, in Washington, Oregon and California, compiled from the insurance companies own reports, filed with the respective state officials, which shows:

Total insurance in force...\$18,638,000.00
Total premiums paid...935,735.00
Total losses paid on above...4,844.00

After deducting all expenses, this still must leave a "reasonable" profit, without any further protection. This of course only refers to the "board" plants, such as our own mill here, still the "board" companies held us up until we were compelled to place our insurance with non-board companies.

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as well as a completely indefensible combination. (Hear, hear.)

"While to some extent I am myself engaged in the insurance business I feel that these agents have no right whatever to come before the legislature and ask for special protection for this is the feature in this proposition which we are at the present time opposing. Some companies from the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and probably from Ontario as well, who are now doing business in this province, having complied with the law, i.e., they having registered, are entitled to do business here, may not be, and indeed are really not as strong as the old-line companies, but who are nevertheless strong enough to compete with the old line companies, must be to some extent at all events, affected by this bill, and although these companies may not have a very large amount of capital at their command, they have quite sufficient for their risks. (Hear, hear.)

"The stockholders are more over well known citizens of considerable means and their competition has tended to reduce the excessive rates which in the past have been charged in this province, and it is certainly good policy upon the part of any Board of Trade or of any business community to encourage this legitimate competition. (Hear, hear.)

Compelled to go Outside
"Many of our business concerns must contract for insurance outside this Province and will be obliged to do so if this bill passes in its present shape, even in the face of the penalty which is mentioned in it. (Hear, hear.) We ourselves were at one time compelled to pay ten per cent but we are now carrying a much larger amount of insurance upon which we are paying less than two per cent, and nearly the whole of it is carried outside of this province, although the Board rate is less than it used to be. (Hear, hear.)

Despite better provision in the way of fire fighting appliances, if we were deprived of this opportunity of placing insurance upon the American side we would be forced to pay twice as much as we are paying at the present time. (Hear, hear.)

"Further, no question can be seriously raised in respect to the security which is offered by these companies. It is just as good as that which exists in the case of the old-line companies, and moreover when we made a heavy loss through fire the very first payment was made to us by these American companies, for being comparatively small companies and having a reputation to build up in this country they were prompt in respect to this particular matter. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. McLennan: "We are endeavoring to knock out this legislation, not on account of the companies engaged in it, but simply on account of a bill which owes its origin to these companies' agents."

Mr. R. S. Day: "That is absolutely untrue." (Applause.)

Mr. McLennan: "I accept your statement." (Hear, hear.)

"The rate that we were getting from the old board companies varied from 95 cents to \$1.03, and after we put in the sprinkling system at a cost of \$10,000, these companies reduced the rate practically 20 cents, but that reduction was scarcely sufficient to pay the interest upon the money, which we had invested in this extra protection. (Hear, hear.)

"The attention of the Vancouver board of trade was directed to this matter, as far as it concerned these foreign companies, if not as far as it affected their agents; and I am not afraid to say that the cloven hoof is shown in this very bill, as the fine for any company soliciting business in this country in violation of its provisions is fixed at \$200, while the agent who accepts a risk in defiance of its provisions is fixed at \$500. (Hear, hear.)

"We have been absolutely compelled to go outside to obtain the insurance which we need upon our properties. (Hear, hear.) One American company with a reserve of about 50 per cent, gives us a rate of 25 per cent under the board rate, while we can get from any of the non-board companies a rate which is 15 per cent under the board rate. (Hear, hear.)

And despite the fact that we have erected concrete buildings and provided automatic sprinklers, the old line companies are trying to obtain from us their old rates. (Hear, hear.)

A Point of Order.
At this stage, Mr. Bodwell raised the point, that the motion was out of order, upon the ground that the adoption of the committee's report had not been proposed.

Mr. Shalleross replied that in the first place this report had been adopted by the council of the board of trade, while in the next place the motion which was under consideration dealt with the whole question. (Hear, hear and applause.)

Mr. Bodwell: "Then this report should not have been submitted to this meeting, but to the council, yet this meeting was especially called to consider this very report." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Ker: "No, no. This report was made to the council, by whom it was considered and adopted. (Hear, hear.) And was then decided that it would be the correct thing to call a special general meeting, not to consider this particular report, but the question itself at large." (Hear, hear and applause.)

Mr. L. A. Genge: "I was present at that meeting when it was decided to have this report considered at this meeting." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. A. Mara: "This is only a splitting of hairs. (Hear, hear.) This report deals with this bill and with nothing else." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bodwell asked for ruling upon the point which he had raised while Mr. Shalleross remarked that the question of insurance was far bigger and far wider than any question which could be raised with respect to any report. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Leiser: "I must rule that this motion is perfectly in order." (Applause.)

Mr. Bodwell: "I beg to move that we adjourn."

Mr. Genge: "I second this motion." Mr. J. L. Beckwith: "It is peculiarly unfortunate that a clash should arise at this stage of the proceedings, but in my opinion the report of this committee is now properly before this meeting and must be argued." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. James Forman: "I certainly understood that it was referred to this committee for its consideration." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Chris. Spencer: "It is the question of insurance that we are here to discuss and not points of order."

Mr. Leiser: "This whole subject is before the meeting." (Applause.)

A vote being taken Mr. Leiser decided that the question should proceed. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, in defending the proposed measure argued that the special committee's report was founded upon misapprehension and upon misunderstandings. It was altogether wrong to hold either that it created a monopoly, or that it was a work of the board companies and their

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agents. One objection which was made to this bill was that everybody ought to be able to get their insurance at the cheapest possible rates. But protection was the very pitch and basis of the national policy, while even in England at the present time it was being acknowledged that the system of protection was proper from the national point of view. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. D. R. Ker, for instance, had built up a large business under the protective policy. (Hear, hear.)

"That gentleman was absolutely protected from unfair competition, and the insurance companies should be placed in exactly the same position in reference to the rates which were offered by outside companies for the surplus business of Canada. (Hear, hear.) And yet these companies paid no taxes whatever, while the local companies were taxed in many ways. Any company whether board or non-board, could compete in this province quite as freely as was the case at the moment if this bill became law in its present shape. (Hear, hear.) He was quite sure that Mr. Palmer had never read this bill, and although he was altogether too honest a man to make any misrepresentation, his letter contained misrepresentation after misrepresentation. (Hear, hear.)

Not Excessive.
Carrying \$178,000 in insurance could be argued, that any company which was doing so much business could not pay \$250 for his license. (Hear, hear.) It was not true that the sum of \$30,000 would be locked up. Not so much as a dollar would be in this position, as this sum would be deposited in bonds, the only difference being that the depositing company would draw their interest from the provincial finance minister. (Hear, hear.) And could it be seriously argued that any company which was transacting \$178,000 worth of business could not afford to transfer its bonds from one place to another. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Ker: "This business is done not by one company but by seventy odd companies." (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bodwell replied that this made no difference whatever as this business would be transacted through one broker. (Hear, hear.) Again, what public outcry had been raised against the provisions of this bill? (Hear, hear.) The outcry which had arisen had more—

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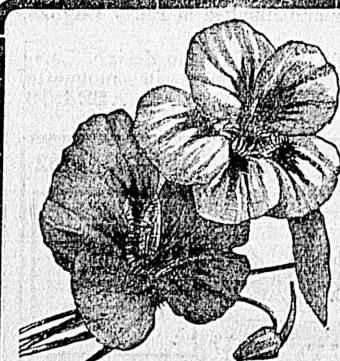
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CIVIC TENDERS GIVE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

No Material Will Be Allowed to
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The city council will not accede to the request preferred by John Haggerty that he should be allowed to supply the sand and gravel tendered for by him from his Spring Ridge pits. Instead Mr. Haggerty must produce the material to the city from whatever source he may other than Spring Ridge.

This decision was arrived at at last night's council meeting, when a communication from Mr. Haggerty was read making the proposition that should he be allowed to take the material from Spring Ridge a saving of several thousand would be made by the city. Mr. Haggerty appeared before the streets, bridges and sewers committee last Friday evening and made his proposition, but the matter was laid over until last evening. In the meantime a large delegation of residents from Spring Ridge was arranged for and it appeared before the council last night prior to the regular council meeting. The delegation, he sides objecting to the Linham, Scott Sand & Gravel Company being allowed to run a spur from the tracks of the B. C. Electric Company on the company's property, also referred to the Haggerty proposal and urged the council to refuse to allow sand and gravel to be taken from Spring Ridge. Mr. Haggerty's written proposition to the council was read. He stated that since signing the contract with the city he had found that the parties to whom he had intended securing the sand and gravel were willing to sell it to him in such a manner and at such a price as to make it impossible for him to buy from them. He therefore offered to supply the material to the city from the Spring Ridge pits, to the satisfaction of the engineer, at the rate of \$1 and \$1.20 per cubic yard in a radius from Spring Ridge to the post office. He will also enter into agreement to cut down and grade Pembroke and North Atholam Streets from Chambers Street to Fernwood Road to a grade which may be given by the city engineer and he will allow the city 20 cents per cubic yard for every yard of suitable for his contract. He will give the city a performance bond to ensure the performance of this agreement. He states that should the city this year consume 20,000 yards of gravel it will make a saving of \$4,000 by the above agreement as he is making a difference of \$1.20 per yard between the prices in the original contract made in his latest proposition.

Claims a Saving.

Mr. Haggerty also states that the cost of gravel taken from the above pits would probably amount to from \$1,500 to \$2,000, with the above \$4,000, will amount to a good saving for the city. He points out that as a matter of fact the Spring Ridge material will be moved away from the city at any rate on some future date to supply the city. Alderman Fullerton strenuously opposed any proposition, which meant taking sand or gravel from Spring Ridge. At last Friday's meeting Mr. Haggerty had stated to the committee that he had attempted to get the material from the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company, but that concern asked him \$1.20 per yard, which were his own figures to the council. Alderman Fullerton produced a slip which, he stated, showed the price which the company gives to all contractors and it shows that the prices asked by the company vary from \$1 to \$1.20 per yard. Mr. Haggerty had claimed that he did not know the figures asked by the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company until after he had signed the city's contract and had endeavored to get his material. As a matter of fact, declared Alderman Fullerton, Mr. Haggerty had stated in his possession all the time the quotations of the company. Mr. Haggerty had told the council that he had signed the city's contract and was ready to carry it out. He should be allowed to do so whether it meant a saving to the city or not. Mr. Haggerty was allowed to come from Spring Ridge to the city. City Solicitor Mann explained that while Mr. Haggerty had signed the contract the city has not as yet done so.

Alderman Stewart declared that no more material should be allowed to be taken from Spring Ridge for city works and Alderman McKeown stated that it is Mr. Haggerty who is not living up to his contract and not the city. Finally it was decided that Mr. Haggerty should not be allowed to supply the city with material from Spring Ridge, wherever else he may be able to secure it.

Cement Tenders

No sooner had the council determined the Haggerty tender than it was called upon to discuss the tenders for cement. A report from the city engineer and the purchasing agent brought the matter to the fore. The report showed that three tenders had been received as follows: R. P. Rithet, lowest price, \$2.51 1-2 per barrel; W. J. Haggerty, lowest price, \$2.65 per barrel; and Company, \$2.51 1-4 per barrel delivered at Smith's Hill and \$2.41 7-8 per barrel delivered elsewhere in the city. The report states that while Bostock & Company's tender is the lowest, it is difficult to see how it can be brought from the O. C. Country and would delay the work of construction for from eight to ten weeks in the very best season of the year. Also the report points out that it is more economical to have the cement delivered in sacks than in barrels, especially when a mixer is used.

Alderman Turner stated that one thing must be borne in mind, and that was the necessity of prompt delivery of the cement as the city needs it. He urged that a penalty clause be inserted in the contract making the company securing the contract pay a fine for delay in delivery. It should also be understood that should the city desire to use some English cement it should have the right to do so for purposes of experiments. He understood that the R. P. Rithet's tender meant the whole amount or nothing. The cement handled by that firm, the product of the Vancouver Portland Cement company at Tod Inlet, stood the test well and provided that the proper material could be secured locally, the local institution should get the contract, in preference to imported material.

Alderman Henderson referred to the recent break-down in the plant at Tod Inlet when the cement company had to borrow a part of the city's rock crusher before its plant could be put in operation again. The city should,

he thought, have the right to get its supply elsewhere, should delay occur, at the same figure which the concern securing the contract was paid.

Alderman Fullerton urged dividing the contract, though he believed that home industries should be favored. To divide the contract would obviate any chance of a shortage. On a vote being taken it was decided to award the tender to R. P. Rithet & Company.

Local Orange Association

The Orange Lodges of Victoria will hold a public meeting this evening at the A.O.U.W. hall at 8 p.m., with the object of placing before the public the aims and objects of the Local Orange Association. The main will be laid by Grand Master MacLaren, and speeches will be delivered by Rev. Dr. MacIntyre grand chaplain, and Rev. Mr. Medill of Vancouver, past grand master.

A VERY SECRET ORDER

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the O. of T. R. B. Yesterday

The O. of T. R. B., a society to which only Orangemen are eligible, held its annual meeting in this city yesterday. The usual business was transacted and officers for the ensuing year elected. A list of the officers follows, and for the benefit of those who might have thought that there had been something the matter with the printers and proof-readers, it may be said that it is not the custom to make public the names of the officers of this organization save in a way intelligible only to the initiated having the lodge cypher.

The list as given out, follows:
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N. G. P. E. Husbiniel, Milner City, B. C.
B. R. S. Kulthorn, Vancouver, B. C.
C. B. P. Makledry, Milner City, B. C.
C. M. T. Selscho, Vancouver, B. C.
K. J. Crown, A. Reston, New Westminster, B. C.
R. W. S. Kordcroiyk, New Westminster, B. C.
P. T. T. G. O. Gaulmiag, Vancouver, B. C.
S. H. N. Haywecta, Victoria, B. C.
R. A. for Ontario, A. Settmase, Toronto, Ont.
R. A. for Winnipeg, B. Doxerton, Winnipeg, Man.
R. A. for Montreal, D. Dogley, Montreal, Que.
R. A. for Hamilton, Ont., J. Farherp, Hamilton, Ont.

This was the largest attended annual meeting in the history of the order. The R. B. Band, with the minstrels, gave an entertainment last evening, the hall being crowded to the doors. This was the first appearance of the band in Victoria since it was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Kamloops.

WANTS NO COMMITTEE ON WATER QUESTION

Alderman Turner's Suggestion
Fails to Get Approval of
Council

Alderman Turner's attempt to induce the city council to appoint a committee of representative citizens to go fully into the water question and secure all data needed before the city's ultimate decision with regard to a water supply is arrived at has proved abortive. At last night's council meeting that body by a vote of six to four refused to sanction the appointment of the gentlemen named as a committee.

Alderman Turner proposed the following resolution: That the following gentlemen be asked to act as an advisory committee to consult with the city council with regard to the best method of obtaining an ample and permanent water supply for the city: W. J. Haggerty, G. H. Tripp, E. Wilnott, J. Rebeck, Col. E. G. Prior, D. R. Ker, Simon Leiser, H. G. Wilson, M. B. Carlin, H. B. Thomson, A. C. Flumerfelt, T. W. Paterson, F. B. Pemberton, R. H. Drury, R. H. Swinerton, J. S. H. Macdon, John Haggerty, W. Blakeboro, Albert A. Griffiths, George Coldwell, William McKay and P. W. Vincent.

The discussion on the resolution was short. Alderman Turner, in introducing the resolution, stated that there appeared to be an impression among certain members of the council that his move was made with the idea of advising the adoption of some particular scheme. Such was not the case. As the mayor had stated at the last meeting of the council there are two or three schemes before the council, any of which may be got on. But all wisdom was not contained within the walls of the council chamber and a representative committee of business men would be a good thing. All the facts must be ascertained and if several schemes were proposed the members of the council should be cognizant of every phase of the question. Personally, he did not intend to shove a particle of his own responsibility but he did urge that no step be taken until all the facts are known and to get a full and intelligent grasp of the question, such a committee as he suggested would be the proper thing.

Motion Lost

Without further discussion the resolution was put to a vote and lost. Alderman Turner, Raymond, Humber

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and Bishop voting for it, while Alderman Henderson, Fullerton, Stewart, Ross, McKeown and Mable vote against.

"His Worship should vote the same as any other member," suggested Alderman Humber.

Mayor Hall stated that just at the present time he would have to vote against the resolution, as the city is now in no position to consider any scheme.

"Go over to the legislature in force and you will be doing some good," said Alderman Henderson, of whom Alderman Turner asked what would be the use of doing that. "At the last meeting when I suggested that we should take further steps to settle the water question I was told I did not know what I was talking about."

Hon. J. S. Helmecken again brought to the attention of the council the fact that a club house has been erected in the Beacon Hill park grounds by the bowling club. Hon. Mr. Helmecken urged that the council immediately cause the club house to be removed, claiming that the council had no right to delegate its authority to the parks board which has evidently attempted to assume supreme power over the park, thus constituting themselves arbitrary governors of that property. The request of Hon. Mr. Helmecken will not be regarded by the council.

Various Opinions
Alderman Stewart claimed that the erection of the clubhouse did not injure Dr. Helmecken. No rights had been given to the bowling club which cannot be instantly revoked, and Alderman Turner also considered that no injury is being worked to anyone. Alderman Raymond pointed out that other clubs may want the same privilege and the park may be covered with club houses. Alderman McKeown thought it was a bad precedent to establish, while Alderman Fullerton declared he was in favor of encouraging athletic sports as far as possible and if the park contained a dozen club houses no harm would result to anyone.

A lengthy communication from Messrs. Peters and Wilson relative to the refusal by the building inspector of a permit for the erection of a wash house on lot 3 block "A" Flannysan estate, on the east side of Douglas street, between Pembroke street and Princess avenue, was laid over until next Monday evening when the building inspector will be asked to be present. The wash house was to have been erected by the Chinese clients of Messrs. Peters and Wilson. It was stated that the building would be erected in conformance with the civic regulations but the permit was refused because the building would have been erected in a closely settled residential district.

Backs up Inspector
Alderman Stewart urged that the decision of the building inspector should be sustained. Alderman Humber thought it strange that in this case where the Chinamen were anxious to conform with the law they should not be allowed to do so. Everyone in the neighborhood, said Alderman Humber, where it is proposed to locate the wash house, is in favor of it except one man and he is already the owner of two wash houses in that locality.

City Treasurer Kent reported that the total amount of assessments for boulevard up-keep, for which notices were mailed to the several owners on December 19th, amounted to \$1,076.20, and up to date \$314.04 has been paid.

No other steps have been taken to collect the balance. The usual course adopted has been to let the arrears remain until it is time to include them in the tax sale list. Mr. Kent also asks what step he is to take in collecting the amounts due for medical attendance at the isolation hospital. Out of forty-three cases treated from September last to the present time only eleven have been paid for.

As to the above report, Alderman Henderson complained that he had been credited in the press with having said that he had been told by some property owners that they had never received notices of taxes due for boulevard maintenance and that some of these owners had declared that they did not intend to pay any such taxes. He had made no such statement.

Accepted Responsibility
Alderman Mable stated that it was his hope that he made the remark and it was quite true that some owners had so stated. He had looked into the books and found that in some cases boulevards were charged at the rate of two cents per foot, some four cents and yet again some at six cents. He proposed to find out just what boulevard maintenance really does cost.

Alderman Henderson stated that only the actual time of the men engaged on such work is charged up. The men move rapidly about the streets and not a cent of the cost of the actual cost of maintenance was a trifle over five cents per running foot and that figure had been estimated for this year.

The treasurer's communication was received and filed, that portion relating to the isolation hospital charges being referred to the health committee.

When on in the meeting when the proposition to improve Boyd street came to be considered and it was decided to lay no curbs or gutters until the owners ask for boulevards, Alderman Stewart again brought up the boulevard question by declaring that it was a question which would have to be considered. There are at present too many boulevards, a statement which Alderman Turner concurred in, the latter claiming that especially is such the case during the present scarcity of water.

A lengthy communication from the local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers concerning the non-enforcement of the city license in regard to individuals and companies soliciting and performing electrical construction work, and setting forth a number of suggestions tending to the greater security and safety of electrical installations, was referred to the electric light committee for report.

Valve Tenders
The water commissioner reported on the tenders received for the supply of six-inch valves required on the twenty-four inch main. Tenders were received from W. S. Fraser & Company at \$11.80 each, from E. G. Prior & Company at \$13.50 each, and from The Crane Company at \$15 each. He recommended the tender of W. S. Fraser & Company be accepted, and his recommendation was adopted. The water commissioner also reported that to connect the two dead ends of the water main on Foul Bay Road, as requested by Mr. Pemberton, will require 1200 feet of four-inch pipe which will cost \$2 per foot laid, as the whole distance is rock. The portion outside

the city limits is 550 feet, so that Mr. Pemberton will have to pay approximately \$1100. Referred to the water committee.

The suggestion of the sanitary inspector that the harbor should be dredged at the garbage wharf was referred to the city engineer.

The provincial secretary notified the council of the appointment of Alderman Bishop and George Fraser as police commissioners and Alderman McKeown and Leonard Tait as license commissioners.

The secretary of the school board wrote notifying the council of the resolution passed at a recent meeting of the board requesting that the city take steps to remove the city pound on Chambers street near the site of the proposed new north-end school. Referred to the health and morals committee.

A communication from the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital, referring to the request for a grant of \$10,000 this year, pointed out that in the years 1908-8 inclusive, the loss to the institution in the treatment of Victoria city area patients has been \$6,836.26, \$4,762.76 and \$3,883.39 respectively. The communication was tabled until such time as the civic estimates are considered.

Local Improvements
The following works of local improvement were reported upon by the city engineer and estimates of cost given:
Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Pine street between Craigflower Road and Dominion Road. Total cost \$4,041, city's share \$1,547.
Permanent sidewalks on the north side of Garbally Road from Gorge Road to the western boundary line of Lot A. Cost \$1,145.80, city's share \$381.93.

Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Pembroke street between Chambers and Cook streets. Total cost \$1,188, city's share \$396.
Boulevards (including maintenance), with curbs and gutter on both sides of John street between Government street and Pleasant streets. Total cost \$6,147, city's share \$2,049.

Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Queen's avenue between Blairchard avenue and Quadra street. Cost \$990, city's share \$330.

Grading and tar macadamizing Pemberton Road from Fort street to Rockland avenue, and to construct permanent sidewalk of concrete with gutter on the east side of said road from the end of the present walk, southerly to Rockland avenue, and on the west side of said road from the end of the present walk southerly to the road entering Carberry gardens and that a boulevard (including maintenance), with curb and gutter be constructed from there on to Rockland avenue. Total cost \$12,402.60, city's share \$4,134.20.

The following works of local improvement were passed. To grade, macadamize and drain Toronto street, from Menzies street to Beacon Hill Park and to construct permanent sidewalk, with gutter on the south side from Menzies to the Park, to improve Pembroke street, between Haighton street and Shakespeare street by blasting out the rock thereon and grading and macadamizing the roadway and constructing permanent sidewalk.

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THE BUTE INLET ROUTE

The Nanaimo Free Press hopes that Mr. Templeman will act upon the suggestion of the Colonist and secure a re-examination of the Bute Inlet route for a new transcontinental railway. The Minister of Inland Revenue is now in the city and we therefore state for his information what we think is necessary to be done. We are not going to ask him to say that he is in favor of such a railway connection, because we take it for granted that he is. We are going to ask for something specific. If there is a good reason why what we ask shall not be done, we shall be glad to be so informed, and shall then urge some other line of action. The case briefly stated is as follows:

It was established to the satisfaction of the Royal Commission on Transportation that a railway "from the plains of Alberta to ports on Vancouver Island" is a work in the general interest of Canada, and the Commission so reported;

Such a railway should be built by a route which would reduce the ferry mileage to a minimum, and by a route, if one is available, where a bridge can be constructed by and by, if it is felt to be needed;

Vancouver Island possesses natural resources which would find a sale in the prairie regions, and it is desirable that the shortest possible route whereby those resources can be carried to the prairies should be provided;

There is a government survey of the route by way of Bute Inlet, but it seems probable that re-examination, in the light of the experience of more than thirty years of mountain railway building since that report was made, would disclose a less expensive and better route;

United action has been taken by the people of Vancouver Island to make its resources and advantages known, and one of the principal things, to which the organization charged with that work is giving its attention, is railway connection with the Mainland by the Bute Inlet route;

The organization mentioned has not sufficient funds at its disposal to make a re-examination of the route;

If such re-examination would disclose, as it may disclose, an alignment for a railway superior to that located by Marcus Smith, it would be a comparatively easy matter to interest some one of the existing transcontinental railways, or a new company in the construction of the line.

It may be objected that what we suggest is unusual, but there is at least one precedent for it. The Dominion is now investigating the feasibility, from an engineering point of view, of a line to Hudson Bay. There may be other precedents, but whether there are or not, it seems to us that there is just as much justification for the government to make the examination asked for as there was for appointing a commission to consider new routes for transportation. Railway connection with Vancouver Island is just as much in the public interest as railway connection with Hudson Bay. This paper has heartily approved of what is being done in the latter case, and it thinks it can therefore consistently ask that something similar shall be done in the former case. Our specific suggestion is that Mr. Templeman shall ask for the small appropriation required to send a party of engineers over Marcus Smith's survey from the summit to the head of Bute Inlet with the view of ascertaining, first, if Mr. Smith's line cannot be improved upon, and second, if a route may not be possible from the summit to Frederick Arm by some other valley than that of the Homathco. The distance from the summit to the head of Bute Inlet is 94 miles only; to Frederick Arm is 44 miles further. We do not lose sight of the contention made by some well-informed people that there is a better route from the interior to the coast than that by the way of Bute Inlet. If an engineer could be detailed to investigate the whole question it would be better than what we suggest; but we content ourselves with making the specific suggestion as above.

WEALTH OF THE NORTH.

Reports have been received of the discovery of what seems to be valuable deposits of silver and copper ore near the Hudson Bay post at Lac la Rouge, which lies one hundred and fifty miles north of Prince Albert. This lake is the source of a short tributary of the Churchill river. In latitude the lake corresponds to the southern part of Portland canal. It is considerably south of the latitude of Fort Churchill, and, although it is in a part of the country, which has not been taken into

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

The Imperial Parliament will open today. It is thought that the session will be very important, principally because of the financial questions which will have to be dealt with. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has a deficit to face, and exceptionally large expenditures to provide for. The Old Age pensions are making a very serious demand upon the treasury and the large naval programme will call for a great deal of money. Mr. Lloyd-George has not yet indicated in what way he will endeavor to raise the necessary sums, but opponents of the government anticipate such radical legislation that they have already begun to advise Lord Lansdowne to ask the Lords to refuse to pass the estimates. This would be a perfectly constitutional act, but it is many years since it has been resorted to. To one on the outside it would seem to be exceedingly bad politics. The money for the public service must be provided no matter who is in power, and if the Lords should attempt to thwart the passage of supply, while they would undoubtedly compel a dissolution, they would raise an issue, which all men with a sense of responsibility would like to avoid. There are too many momentous questions before the people of the United Kingdom at the present time to have a new one precipitated, which would for the time being overshadow all others. Lord Lansdowne is not likely to take such an extreme course as his hot-headed advisers propose.

The Marathon craze has reached the Pacific coast, and Seattle and Vancouver are planning big "events." Dame Fashion, it appears, has something to say about athletics as well as millinery.

"The Sick Man of Europe" is complaining again. It must be said in all fairness that he has borne up marvellously well the past few months, considering all the circumstances of the case.

It seems only yesterday that the question of the feasibility of aerial navigation was a debatable point, and now we read in a Berlin dispatch that the establishment of a regular airship service between twenty-nine German towns may now be regarded as a certainty.

The Great Northern liner Minnesota has been withdrawn from service for a month, owing to lack of cargo offerings, and this means that temporarily the United States flag will not be represented on the Pacific between Puget Sound and China and Japan. To the student of the trend of events on that great ocean, this incident possesses a special significance.

The "Vancouver spirit" is nicely manifested in the determination of the citizens to send a strong delegation down to Ottawa to press the claims for large appropriations for harbor improvements. Some other cities which could be named content themselves with passing resolutions and forwarding them to the federal capital, where they are promptly pigeonholed. But for quick and effective action there is nothing like the deputation.

Kamloops is in the throes of a real estate boom as a consequence of rumors that the Canadian Northern railway will establish large works there. Kamloops is simply feeling the stimulus which is manifested all over the province as a result of the dawn of a new era of development. But Kamloops occupies a splendid strategic position, and it was inevitable that sooner or later it would take its proper position amongst the thriving cities in the interior.

Mr. Carnegie wants the United States government to appoint a permanent staff of experts to deal with the question of tariff revision. He declares that the industrial world is about to undergo the most momentous change known in its history. As Mr. Carnegie has no longer any pecuniary interest in the question, his views are likely to be accepted as the mature conclusions of a sincere man—and, for that reason, when he hints at a revolution in industrial methods, his remarks are likely to be taken very seriously.

Mr. W. R. Trotter, Canadian labor representative in Great Britain, is making himself considerable of a nuisance. He appears to be seized with the conviction that his chief mission is to stop emigration to Canada as far as he is able. He has just made a bitter attack on the methods of the Salvation Army, alleging that the latter body is simply endeavoring to acquire government bonuses, instead of assisting people who come to Canada to better themselves. All who have any knowledge of the record of the Salvation Army in the matter of immigration to this country know that this charge is absolutely without foundation. Mr. Trotter ought to be recalled.

The special correspondent of the New York Herald has telegraphed his paper from Vancouver that "the dislike of the Japanese in this province amounts to a positive frenzy of hatred." This is far from correct. Doubtless there are some people who dislike the Japanese, but that it is correct to say they are hated in British Columbia is not warranted. There is a great difference between desiring to prevent a certain race from getting a foothold in the province and hating the race. There is no reason for any

hatred and none exists. The Herald man has simply been misled by a few rabid Asiatic exclusionists.

The Ottawa Free Press has fallen foul of Sir Percy Lake for saying that Canada should prepare to defend her western seaboard. It passes comprehension how utterly unable some of our eastern contemporaries fall to understand the real nature of the Oriental question. They treat it as though it were a mere prejudice upon the part of some hot-headed people in British Columbia, instead of being the greatest question now before mankind. Stated in concrete form it is: Shall the Anglo-Saxon be driven from the Pacific Ocean and the lands bordering upon it? Australia says no, and so does British Columbia. There is no escaping the question, distasteful as it may be to those in authority.

It is more popular with some people to abuse corporations than to praise them, but the Calgary Herald, while contending for competitive lines, gives publicity to the following: "The Canadian Pacific railway has always shown and is today showing a generous confidence in Calgary's future and loyalty to its interests. When competition comes, as come it must, the people of this city will remember that fact and will give the great corporation the same fair and square treatment as it has, on the whole, given them. The fact that here, in a one-railway centre, the board of trade could find no complaint to bring before the railway commissioners at their meeting next week is a striking tribute to the railway with which Calgary does business."

If it were possible to take Colonel Samuel Hughes seriously, the members of the Commons might very well give earnest consideration to a resolution which he will shortly present. The Colonel favors a full partnership union of Great Britain and the Colonies, wherein each, retaining under its full control all matters concerning it, would unite on an equitable and independent footing, the union government dealing only with intra-imperial, international, fiscal and imperial defense questions. It cannot be denied that in this Colonel Hughes is directing attention to a matter which is engaging the attention of the ablest statesmen in the Empire at the present moment, and a useful purpose will be served if there is a full and free discussion of the theme in the Commons when the motion is presented.

The Bill to amend the Water Clauses Act now before the legislature is a measure of very great importance. It has been framed with a great deal of care, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands, who has it in charge, has devoted a great deal of labor to the preparation of a measure that will be useful to those, who in the future desire to make use of water for irrigation, and equitable to those, who have acquired rights in the past. The subject is one of very great difficulty, but as far as we are able to judge, Mr. Fulton has accomplished his object in a very satisfactory manner. His observations in introducing the measure yesterday were lucid and instructive. There will doubtless be a full discussion of every feature in the Bill when it reaches the committee stage, in addition to what may be said in the course of the debate of the second reading.

At a dinner of the Sphinx Club in London the other day, "some of the evils of publicity" were discussed by several well-known judges. Lord Alverstone, lord chief justice of England, proceeded to look upon the most pessimistic side of publicity. He said: "I consider the publicity given in divorce court proceedings a public evil. I should like to see a stand made by leading journals against this, and for them to say we will not publish this kind of stuff." The Lord Chief Justice instanced some of the terrible details sent down daily from Edinburgh of the Stirling case. It is the fashion to draw comparisons unfavorable to Canada, between the Press of Great Britain and this country, but, surprising as it may seem, there are few if any daily newspapers in Canada which would publish the detailed account of the proceedings at the hearing of the Stirling divorce case as the leading newspapers of London have done.

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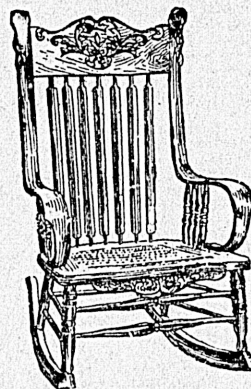
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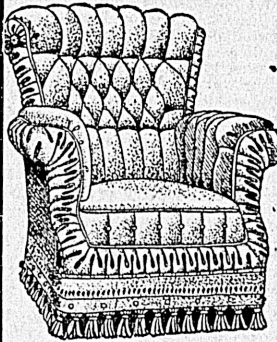
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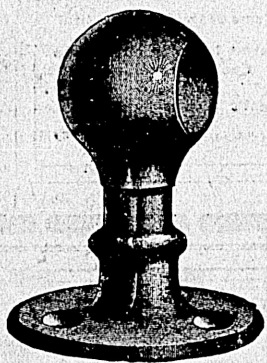
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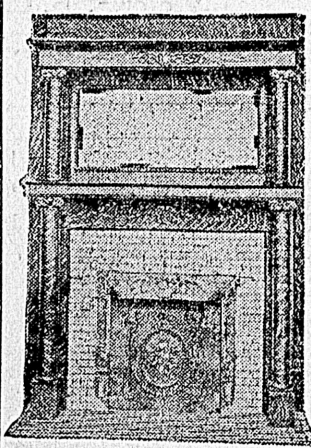
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary

There will be a general meeting of the Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society on Wednesday the 17th inst., in the Balmoral Hotel, at eleven a.m.

Jackson Remanded

Samuel Jackson charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, was remanded yesterday morning. His case will be heard this morning. D. S. Tait appears for the defense.

The French Alliance

At the regular Wednesday meeting of L'Alliance Française an address will be given by Mademoiselle P. de Korpodon and Monsieur Parizeau will recite.

Have Arranged Dance.

The members of the lodge of Pythian Sisters, have made arrangements for a dance to be held at the A. O. U. V. Hall, on the evening of the 25th inst. The programme is in the hands of a strong committee and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

Moose Head on View

The Victoria Board of Trade has presented a splendid moose head to the steamer Princess Charlotte. The head is now being displayed in the establishment of the B. C. Fur Manufacturing company on Government street.

Evangelistic Services

Rev. Mr. Burnett is continuing his very successful evangelistic meetings in Victoria hall during the present week. He was assisted last evening by Rev. Mr. Hatt and Rev. Mr. Holling will preach this evening.

To Initiate Candidates

Neighbor F. R. Carlow, assistant district deputy of the Modern Woodmen of America, will initiate a number of candidates at the regular meeting of the society this evening, at Sir William Wallace hall, Broad St.

Parks Board to Meet

The Public Parks Board will hold its first meeting of the year tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city hall. This meeting should have been held last week but owing to the fact that a quorum was not present the sitting had to be adjourned.

Victoria Nurses Club

The Victoria Nurses club will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in room 8, Promis block over Campbell's dry goods store. The object of the meeting is to make arrangements for the dance which the club intends to give in the near future, and all members are requested to make a special effort to attend.

Early Days in B.C.

An interesting lecture was delivered last evening by the Rev. John Robson, D.D., in the schoolroom of the Centennial Methodist church. His subject was "Early Days in British Columbia." Besides the lecture there was an interesting programme. E. Parsons sang a couple of solos, and the Centennial quartette also tendered a number of songs.

The Canadian Club

The annual meeting of the Canadian club will be held tomorrow evening in the city hall, at 8 p.m. The business before the meeting consists of the election of officers for the ensuing year, the presentation of the annual reports and such matters as may be brought up. It is understood that the treasurer's report will show a balance on the right side of the ledger of \$252.75.

Novelty Concert

The choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will give their fourth annual novelty concert in the schoolroom of the church next Friday evening. The programme will consist of songs, recitations, and instrumental music. The concert will be performed by a band and orchestra of 38 performers. The pioneer hand bell ringers will be present and will add very materially to the programme by ringing a number of favorite selections and airs. There will also be a number of vocal and instrumental solos and duets.

Denies Rumored Sale

Leonard Solly, land agent of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railroad company, yesterday gave a positive denial to the statements published in the evening newspaper yesterday that "a timber deal involving well on to a million dollars has been completed by which a syndicate of United States capitalists has acquired the timber lands about Cowichan lake, which were formerly held by the C. P. R. as a part of the E. & N. land grant. The sale of the timber is said to be conditional upon the early construction of the Cowichan lake branch of the railway. Mr. Solly said these statements were devoid of truth.

Enjoyable Valentine Social

The Young People's club of the First Presbyterian church devoted some what from the usual weekly programme at their meeting last night, when a Valentine social held the boards. A large audience turned out to the entertainment and was rewarded by the following numbers: Piano solo, Miss Hastie; vocal solo, Mr. Duncan Campbell; reading, Miss McKillop; vocal solo, Miss McKenzie; vocal solo, Mr. R. Morrison, vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Perry; readings, Mr. D. A. Fraser. During the progress of the programme a contest was held, three of the club members taking part therein. The contest was one of speed in hanging out washed garments, and Miss Simpson won the prize, defeating two of the male members of the club. After the programme refreshments were served and a social time spent the meeting closing with the National anthem.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 16, 1909.

SYNOPSIS.
The pressure is decreasing over the North Pacific slope but remains high over California. A disturbance is approaching Vancouver Island which is expected to cause fresh winds on the straits and a southeast gale on the outside waters; snow has fallen at Atlin but temperatures have in nearly all districts been higher and rain has fallen from the lower mainland to California. It is still intensely cold in the Yukon but decreasing pressure is causing higher temperatures throughout the Prairie provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	12	52
Vancouver	38	50
New Westminster	36	50
Kamloops	22	28
Port Simpson	30	38
Hanksville	12	22
Atlin	4	below 2
Dawson, N.	46	below 24
Calgary, Alta.	0	24
Winnipeg, Man.	26	below 4
Portland, Ore.	40	50
San Francisco	48	60

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Fresh or strong easterly or southerly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.
Lower Mainland: Winds chiefly easterly and fresh or strong on straits, unsettled and mild with rain.

	SUNDAY.	MONDAY.
Highest	50	53
Lowest	33	47
Mean	41	51
Rain, .02 inch; sunshine 3 hours, 11 inches.		
Highest	53	57
Lowest	47	51
Mean	50	54
Rain, .03 inch; sunshine 4 hours, 47 minutes.		

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, February, 1909.

Date	Time Ht	Time Ht	Time Ht
1	10:18 9.4	19:14 1.9	
2	10:51 9.4	19:53 1.7	
3	11:29 9.3	20:30 1.7	
4	12:08 9.0	21:05 1.8	
5	12:48 8.7	21:39 2.1	
6	13:28 8.3	22:13 2.6	
7	14:08 7.8	22:47 3.1	
8	14:48 7.2	23:21 3.8	
9	15:28 6.5	23:55 4.6	
10	16:08 5.8	24:29 5.5	
11	16:48 5.0	25:03 6.2	
12	17:28 4.2	25:37 6.9	
13	18:08 3.4	26:11 7.6	
14	18:48 2.6	26:45 8.3	
15	19:28 1.8	27:19 9.0	
16	20:08 1.0	27:53 9.7	
17	20:48 0.2	28:27 10.4	
18	21:28 0.4	29:01 11.1	
19	22:08 1.2	29:35 11.8	
20	22:48 2.0	30:09 12.5	
21	23:28 2.8	30:43 13.2	
22	24:08 3.6	31:17 13.9	
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26	26:48 6.8	33:33 16.7	
27	27:28 7.6	34:07 17.4	
28	28:08 8.4	34:41 18.1	

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Cameron

On Sunday evening, at the residence of her nephew, Mr. A. T. R. Blackwood, No. 830 Victoria Crescent, there passed away to the great beyond, Ann Macdonald Cameron, aged 92 years, a native of Invernesshire, Scotland. The deceased lady had come here some little time ago from Winnipeg, and up to the last enjoyed fairly good health. During her long life she was most highly esteemed by her many friends. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. McRae, at the Hanna chapel today at 4 p.m. prior to the remains being sent to the old home at St. Thomas, Ontario.

Elliott

The death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital on the 14th inst. of John Edwin Elliott. The deceased was a native of Port Hope and 43 years of age. The late Mr. Elliott was well known throughout the city, being a resident here for the past 10 years. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss; also two brothers and one sister residing at Port Hope, Ont. The funeral will take place from the Hanna parlors on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., under the auspices of the Independent Order of Foresters.

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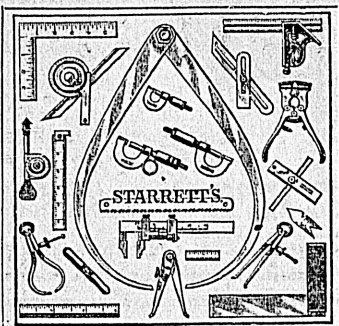
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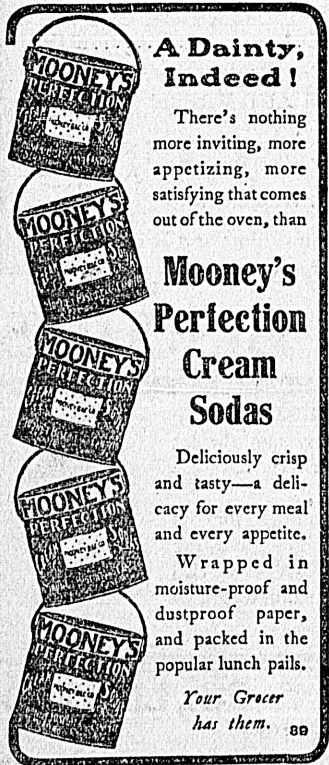
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The Friendly Help society are in need of clothing of all kinds. The need this year has been larger than usual and the supply so generously sent in at Christmas time is quite exhausted. The most urgent need at present is for bedding for a family in distress. A pair of blankets and other warm covers are badly wanted. If those who have either clothing or bedding, to spare will kindly send it to the Market Hall, they will confer a great favor, both on the poor people and on the ladies who at the cost of much time and trouble have hitherto so successfully and unostentatiously supplied their wants.

When, more than two hundred years ago the French government determined to establish a new France on the banks of the St. Lawrence, they sent out thousands of women as wives of the furtraders who had for some years made their homes in the wilderness. These women awaited the coming of their future husbands and, so we are told, accepted their fate with a brave heart. They lived lonely lives while making their homesteads their own and felt that if they were married they would be both more prosperous and more comfortable. There are many women, among their living in Toronto and other eastern cities, who would make good wives for these furtraders. Evidently, in a spirit of fun a news reporter has been interviewing some of the leading women of Toronto as to the advisability of devising some scheme which would bring the Ontario girls and the prairie homesteaders together. As was to have been expected neither Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, the secretary of the National Council of Women, nor Miss Hill, the Vice-president of the local council, would entertain the proposition of advising young girls to go out west to marry men they knew nothing about. No good man, much less any self-respecting woman, would dream of marriage brought about by any such device as that of a matrimonial bureau.

Yet perhaps there is a serious side to what seems an absurd proposition. There is among young women who are days a dislike of country life and an indisposition to undertake the responsibilities and endure the privations that may fall to the lot of any married couple. A nation strong and sturdy is not built by men and women who are afraid of work. It is too early in our history for Canadians to indulge themselves in a love of ease. We hear much of patriotism. The truest patriots are the people who with strong arms and brave spirits not only turn the wilderness into smiling fields, but build homes filled with merry children who will grow to be noble citizens of a free country.

Dr. Sheard, of Toronto, has been advocating longer holidays and shorter school hours for children. While the benefits of fresh air and exercise will not be denied it is very much to be doubted whether the children in most of our schools would be better off having more time for play. There is in our country a tremendous amount of work to be done and children cannot learn too soon that youth is the time to prepare themselves to undertake their share of it. Study, as long as it does not begin too early and is not beyond a child's capacity, never hurts him. Where one boy or girl is injured by too severe application to lessons many are ruined by idleness. There is far more danger in these days that teachers will do too much work for their pupils than that they will exact too much from them. The most eminent of those who have made education a study declare that the need of reform in our methods of teaching, but the indications are that the remedy lies rather in the direction of the individual pupil than in allowing him or her to spend more time in idleness of mere amusement.

In Toronto and Montreal there is much suffering from unemployment in almost every issue of the daily papers there are articles about starving women and naked children. In Toronto the local Council of Women has done excellent work in finding employment for women whose husbands are idle. It seems to be the universal opinion that the ranks of the unemployed are largely filled by the idle and useless people who have been assisted to come to Canada from the cities of Great Britain. These men either do not want work or will do as little as will allow them a bare subsistence. Many of them are glad to accept the offer of deportation. To judge by the reports of the Women's Bureau the women are better and will do anything they can in order to get money to feed and clothe their families. This matter of bringing into the country large numbers of undesirable is a very serious danger. In our own province there have hitherto been very few of these unhappy people. We are protected by our long distance from the source of supply. But this will not long be the case. If the men and women who are physically and mentally as well as morally unfit are allowed to leave Great Britain and to make their homes in Canada they will sooner or later spread their evil influence and example, do injury to the community. The government of Canada and that of Great Britain should unite in taking the most vigorous measures to prevent those who have proved their fitness in their own homes from coming to a country where only the vigorous in mind and body can make a living. Among the millions of unemployed in Great Britain there must be great numbers of good men and women who would gladly embrace the opportunity of obtaining a fresh start in a new country. To such Canada offers a home and prosperity and it is these who should receive the assistance of those who undertake to promote emigration.

Among the societies who have been active in sending men and women to settle in Canada none have worked harder than the Salvation Army. They have brought out 55,000 immigrants

who have settled in various parts of the country. The Army says that in the whole number not one per cent. have proved failures. The officers have chosen their recruits for this new land with the greatest care and the result has exceeded their expectations. In the January number of the Review of Reviews Miss Agnes Lant bears testimony to the success of those who have settled on the prairies. She declares that even among immigrants from the factory towns who had suffered from privations there are men who in the hard life of the prairies had been successful. They had proved that all they wanted was a chance to work. They learned the lesson that the farmer who would succeed must rise early and go to sleep late. Theirs must be no ungrudging toil. Nature to these unaccustomed workers was a hard taskmaster, but the result of their labor was independence such as must have surprised men who had spent years in grinding poverty. Such men as these, however ignorant or humble, are worthy not only of their ancestry, but of the heritage upon which they have entered. Their children and their children's children will do their part in the building up of the Canadian nation. The message which Gen. Booth places in the hand of each of the Army colonists is:—"God carry you safely to your new home. Fearlessly calculate upon hard work. Bravely meet difficulties. Do your duty by your families. Help your comrades. Make Canada a home that will be a credit to the Old Land. Put God first. Stand by the Army. Save your souls from the devil's legion."

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TRIED RECIPES

Dinner Menu

Grape fruit with red cherries; clear soup with small hearts cut from cooked beets; salted wafers; creamed lobster in pastry heart cases; chicken fillets fried; tomato puree sauce; potato hearts with parsley butter; buttered peas; olives; celery; red currant jelly or cranberry jelly hearts; individual salad in heart cases; cheese parrot heart; hearts of pork hearts heart cakes and bonbons; coffee.

Luncheon

Tomato or lobster cream soup in small cups; crisped rolls or fingers of bread; celery; olives; potato croquettes; sandwiches; cucumber or tomato salad; cheese and cut hearts; sukes; bonbons in heart boxes; frozen cream in glass dish; coffee.

Chicken Fillets

Remove the breast of the fowl and then lift apart in small sections; brush with butter and bake in oven until tender, basting frequently with butter. When done, salt and pepper and lay on a hot dish; to the drippings add one pint of sweet cream for every eight pieces of fillet; let heat through, then pour this sauce over the fillets garnished with parsley and keep hot until brought to the table.

Potatoes Fried With Egg

If you will try our way of warming over potatoes I am sure you will like it. Cannot give you exact quantities. We never measure, and it depends on number in family. Chop boiled potatoes into dice. Fry salt pork slices till you have enough fat to fry your potatoes a nice brown in. Chop the crisp pork in with the potatoes. Fry potatoes brown, and break over them as many eggs as you need for the amount you have. A small amount needs but one egg, though two make it nicer. Stir quickly into the potatoes and remove from the fire as soon as the white is partly set. The egg will continue cooking after taking off the stove. This rule has been handed down in our family. I have never known any one else to make it. Try it.

Cheese Fondue

One tablespoon butter, one cup fresh milk, one cup fine bread crumbs, two cups grated cheese, two eggs, salt, pepper, dry mustard, salted butter, a few drops table sauce or cayenne pepper. Melt butter in chafing dish or pan, add milk, bread crumbs and cheese. Stir constantly till cheese is well blended, then add well-beaten eggs just before serving. Pour over rounds or squares of buttered toast.

Lighting a Room

To those who are building or repapering their houses, the following paragraph from Popular Electricity will be of interest:

"A wallpaper which will 'absorb' light is the greatest enemy to artificial light in the home. An illuminant is powerless to light a room if the color of the walls absorbs most of the rays. Illuminating engineers claim that a white wallpaper will reflect 50 per cent of light, whereas a red wallpaper will reflect only 15 per cent. A light buff or yellow will reflect 45 per cent, a dark brown about 35 per cent. A light apple-green wallpaper will reflect 40 per cent; a dark green will give us 15 per cent. Dark wood trimmings absorb light; white wood reflects it. Velvet, chintzes, burlaps, will also absorb light; so will wallpaper, whatever its color, but a tinted surface wall reflects the light. The wall paper pattern is not only one of the greatest of all known absorbers of light, but it also has a bad effect on nerves and eyes. The plainer the wallpaper the better for nerves and eyesight, and the smoother the surface the more light it will reflect. In selecting wallpaper the way the room faces must also be taken into consideration. Those rooms facing north and east require lighter colored papers than do rooms facing south and west. Care in the selection of tints and wallpaper will not only lead to a better and a cheaper artificial light, but will protect the eyesight and save the nerves and tempers."

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Mendelssohn's Mother.

The mother of Felix Mendelssohn, whose centenary was celebrated on February 8, was Leah Salomon Bartholdy, a very gifted woman to whom as well as to their father, the children owed much of their love for all that was beautiful and admirable. Chorley, the well-known music critic of those days, speaks of her: "There have lived few women more honorably distinguished than she was by her acquirements; by that perfect propriety which Horace Walpole has justly called the grace of declining life; by a cordial hospitality, the sincerity of which there was no mistaking; by an easy humor in conversation, a knowledge of men and books, and a lively interest in the younger generation, which at her age is only found in the best and brightest of their species." She possessed a fund of intelligence, a habit of mind bred among constant intercourse with the best things and persons of all countries, which belonged to herself, and remained with her to the last.

Her chief object in life was the education of her children. She gave them their first music lesson and sat by them with her knitting during their practice. She was strict but that she was judiciously so, is shown by the unceasing devotion of her children. Early hours were the rule in the Mendelssohn family, Sundays being the only day of the week on which they did not have to rise at five o'clock to study. And on Sundays as the children grew, there were music parties held in the large dining room, when Felix conducted a small orchestra and occasionally heard one or more of his own compositions played.

There are ten women among the fifty commissioners that the government of Mexico has sent out for the purpose of studying the best methods of education in the different countries. Miss Juana Palacios, the head of a Normal school for girls at Puebla, is now in Boston investigating the best ways of teaching arithmetic. Miss Castaneda, inspector of kindergartens for the City of Mexico is studying the kindergarten system in New York. Miss Bertha von Gumpert, a native of Chicago, is investigating elementary education. Two other women who have been sent to France are making a study of technical schools. Mrs. Laura Mendez de Cuernca, who is now in Germany, investigating German methods of teaching, is a woman of distinction in her own country, both as a writer of travel books and as a traveler. She was one of the three delegates sent by Mexico to the recent international congress for moral education in London.

Women will soon be admitted to the members' gallery in the British House of Commons on the same terms as men. If the recommendation of a committee on this subject is accepted, the House of Commons will be the first of the women who wished to see the House in session have been compelled to do so seated behind the grill, of the women's gallery. The committee argues that permission to sit beside their male relatives and friends will make the privilege of listening to the debates more highly prized by women. The report is said to have met a severe shock to the older members of the House of Commons.

Russian women hold a different position in the scheme of society from the women in other lands. In many respects it is more advantageous. Thousands of them are employed in banks and business offices in St. Petersburg. They do most of the copying and typewriting in the government departments. They form the corps of stenographers who take down the official reports in the debates in the Council of Empire and in the Duma. They sell railway tickets, and signal trains. They are the cashiers at theatres.

Vyten doctors of medicine are more numerous and in better practice in St. Petersburg than in any other capital in Europe. Women are being trained at the St. Petersburg Engineering Institute in drawing architectural plans and in the School of Scientific Designs. Even in the vast, network of village communities which is the essence of Russia, women are accustomed through widowhood or the failure of male succession to speak and vote at the peasant meetings where local life is regulated.

Dr. Elizabeth Garnet Anderson, Mayor of Aldeburgh, England, gave a dinner recently to forty councillors and other guests. She was the only woman present and she wore a black dress with a widow's cap and diamonds. Replying to the toast "Aldeburgh's Prosperity," she said that during her year of office she would try her best to prove a good motherly housekeeper to the town. She declared nothing could be done by talking, but a great deal by the councillors agreeing in the future action and work together for the good of the town. She hoped to better the roads and to make the town more attractive to visitors.

Big things are only little things put together. It is encouraging to think of this when confronted by a big task. Remember that it is only a group of little tasks, any one of which you can easily do. It is ignorance of this fact that makes some men afraid to try.—Warren.

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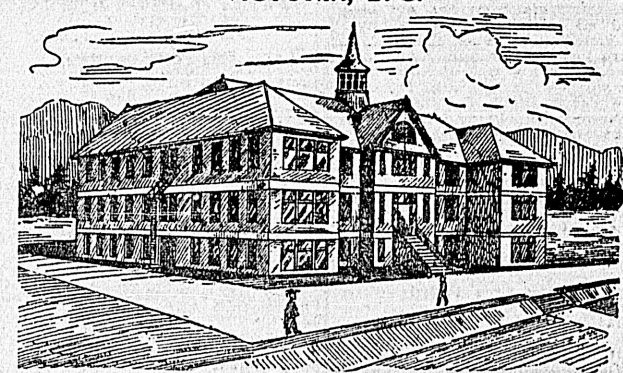
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On the Waterfront

WINONA IS A TOTAL WRECK

Fine Cruising Launch Drove Ashore at Oak Bay Sunday Morning

THE ENGINE IS RECOVERED

Hull Broken to Matchwood By Pounding on Rocks During Squall

The fine cruising launch Winona, of Victoria, built last summer by Simpson Bros., of this city, was wrecked and totally destroyed at Oak Bay after driving ashore following a breakdown of her steering gear on Sunday morning. Harold Simpson was alone on board and he saved himself when the Winona struck. The breaking seas soon broke up the launch, the engine of which, a fifteen horsepower Lozier, was recovered by Arthur Lowe of the staff of Hinton Bros., who went to the scene in the storm in the launch Starlight. Of the Winona scarcely a vestige was left, the hull being broken to matchwood.

The Winona recently returned from a long distance cruise on the West coast, cruising for over a thousand miles, and while at Banfield was incidental in saving what was left of the Banfield launch motor lifeboat after it had drifted away from the lifesaving station in Banfield Creek to be broken up on the rocks of Robbers Island in Barkley Sound and the Winona was also at Banfield when the motor lifeboat was being on her way back from South Island where she took some prospectors to investigate some marble deposits.

TWO MONTHS' IDLENESS FOR TRAMP STEAMERS

International Union to Regulate the Freightage Compulsory Laying Up of Vessels

Further advice from England regarding the proposed international union, organized at a meeting held at Newcastle, at which tonnage valued at over 250 million dollars was represented, stated that the proposal, briefly, was that the rate of freightage on ships when trade is abnormally low and the principle is that owners of fleets should reduce their total carrying capacity by one-sixth, that is to say, agree to lay up their tonnage at home and abroad for two consecutive months in every twelve months. This is to be applied to steamers controlled by them. If it can be shown that any one owner suffers unduly by this arrangement, he may be compensated from a general fund, or a grant may be made in cases where owners do not receive a proportionate share of advantage. This general fund, it is proposed, shall be raised by a levy of one penny per gross register ton. The committee who have been considering the matter point out that the proposals would only be operative in a crisis like the present, and that, by unreasonably adopting it, owners have apparently nothing to lose, but much to gain.

It is considered necessary that every shipowner in the union undertake to lay up all his tonnage during the 12 months from March 31, 1939, to March 31, 1940, for two consecutive periods of 30 days, or 60 days per annum, the period upon which Lloyd's and the insurance club returns are based.

Shipping Illustrated says: "Although the expediency of such a scheme above outlined can hardly be questioned, opinions differ widely as to its practicability. The question arises: How is the laying up clause to be enforced in the case of steamers trading abroad over long periods, or on time charter? To carry out such a scheme there must be a controlling body with power to order any particular vessel to be laid up, but where the power is to come from and how it is to be enforced are problems which do not appear easy of solution. Although the preliminary meeting to further the scheme was attended by owners representing 12,500,000 tons carrying capacity, the majority of owners have little faith that anything practical will come out of the agreement, if indeed one is evolved. The different types, sizes and ages of steamers, their varying financial positions, their dependence on different ships to the banks and to mortgagees, and the amount of independence possessed by their owners, are all difficulties in the way of concerted action. Some owners are in a position to lay up their vessels without fear, but others cannot do so. It is a well known fact that the bankers are the real masters of the situation and can dictate how an owner must act with his ships. There is also the army of speculative owners to be considered; persons possessed of little or no capital who were able in the past to contract for tonnage on long credit given by the builders. Such owners, not having the capital necessary to meet 'bad times', are obliged to keep their vessels running to earn the interest due under the mortgages and to

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Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southwest, 26 miles an hour. Out, steamer Col. E. Drake.

Near Bay, 8 a.m.—Inward, a bark, towing at 7.30 a.m. Anchored, schooner, Alfena, the schooner Tilverton and U. S. steamer Manning.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind south, 24 miles an hour. Inward, five-masted schooner at 10.40 a.m., four-masted ship at 11.30 a.m. schooner Alert.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Light rain, wind east, 18 miles an hour. In, steamer Serak, at 2.20 p.m.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Raining, southeast gale. Bar. 29.70, temp. 42. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Rain, a southeast wind, hazy seaward. Bar. 29.73, temp. 40.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southwest, 26 miles an hour. Bar. 29.88, temp. 41. Sea rough. Passed out, steamer Col. E. Drake, at 6 p.m.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Rain, strong southeast wind. Bar. 29.76, temp. 46. Sea rough.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a fresh southwest wind. Bar. 29.72, temp. 44. Sea rough.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind south, 24 miles an hour. Bar. 29.39, temp. 48. Sea moderate. Passed in, five-masted schooner at 11.40 a.m., schooner Alert at 11.25, and four-masted bark at 11.25.

Pachena, noon—Cloudy, light southwest breeze. Bar. 29.87, temp. 50. Sea rough. Five-masted schooner passed at 9.

Estevan, noon—Cloudy, fresh south wind. Bar. 29.94, temp. 46. Sea rough.

Cape Lazo, noon—Part cloudy, strong southeast breeze. Bar. 29.82, temp. 48. Sea rough. At 11 a.m., passed south, a two-masted fishing steamer with a black hull and funnel.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, a southwest wind. Bar. 29.87, temp. 51. Out, stern-wheel drage at 9.45. In, Cassiar at 11.10.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.54, temp. 44. Sea moderate. South, at 4.30 p.m., a small fishing schooner.

By Coast Wire
Cape Beale, noon—Fresh west wind, dull, heavy sea. Cape Beale, noon—Southwest wind, cloudy, heavy sea. Cape Beale, 6 p.m.—Southeast wind, hazy, heavy sea.

Carmanah, 6 p.m.—Moderate east wind, cloudy, rain, heavy swell. Bar. 29.80. Large four-masted ship, loaded, passed in at 6 p.m.

them employment is far more important than the rate of freight. Many of these firms have lately come to grief, involving large losses of the builders. Besides, what of the ships managed by men whose financial interest in them is infinitesimal and whose sole object is the earning of management commissions on gross profits?

The history of previous attempts at regulating freightage does not warrant the assumption that much is to be expected from the present movement. In 1891 an attempt was made at Newcastle to fix "reasonable" rates on coal and the Maritime Coal Freighters' association was organized. It lasted a few months and then fell to pieces from sheer lack of that loyal co-operation which it is now sought to obtain for the new Shipowners' Union.

However, the case of the shipowner in 1939 is vastly more serious than it was in 1891, and for that very reason shipowners may be impelled to make a strenuous effort on this occasion, but it must be realized that unless the great volume of cargo tonnage is brought into the union, then the union itself must be unworkable; for, clearly, its operations would fall all too advantage of tonnage working outside the scheme. The promoters of the scheme seem to be well aware of this and are therefore directing their efforts toward the enlisting of "all owners of 'tramp' and cargo liners in the United Kingdom and western littoral of the North Atlantic and the Iberian peninsula on the north, both inclusive, representing a total deadweight tonnage approximately 40,000,000 tons and a capital of some 250 millions (sterling) and any other country or countries which may desire to enter the union." Whatever opinion may be held of the scheme from a practical point of view, the movement as characterizing the demand of an important body of shipowners for a "living" freight is worthy of careful consideration. The tramp owner's situation has become well known and is everywhere "lives" protected by rebates are crowding out the "tramp" and this added to the present depression has resulted in congesting the chief European ports with whole fleets of idle cargo steamers. In the Tyne alone there are 115 steamers laid up, aggregating about 200,000 tons deadweight, while fully a million tons is lying idle in the ports of Europe.

The German ship Wilhelmine has arrived at Cardiff with lumber from Hastings mills. She was quoted for reinsurance at 5 per cent, owing to her slow passage.

The United Wireless company is equipping a powerful station at Ketchikan, Alaska, to communicate with the northern steamers. The company has stations of 20 kilowatts power at Catalla and Cordova and the Ketchikan station will have power of 10 kilowatts. It will communicate with the Friday harbor and Victoria stations.

BEATRICE L. CORKUM IS ALSO FORTUNATE

Had 1,000 Skins When She Parted Company With the Agnes G. Donahue

Following the news published on Sunday morning, of the rich catch of the locally-owned sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahue, which has landed 3700 sealskins in the edge of the Antarctic at Capetown, in addition to the 320 previously put ashore, news was received yesterday that the schooner Beatrice L. Corkum, Capt. Gilbert, owned by A. J. Bechtel, of this city, will also land a rich catch. Capt. Rupert Bechtel, of the Agnes G. Donahue, in a subsequent cablegram received yesterday states that he parted company with Captain Gilbert far south of the Indian ocean on December 20, and the Beatrice L. Corkum had 1000 skins at that time. The Agnes G. Donahue secured the bulk of her catch after parting company with the Beatrice L. Corkum, which had the most seals at the time and the latter schooner will probably land an even more valuable catch than the record-breaking cargo of pelts landed at the South African port for shipment to England by the Agnes G. The two schooners left Halifax about the same time on an exploring cruise to search for new sealing grounds, proceeding first to the South Atlantic, and kept company until December 20th. They were in company when the castaways off the Norwegian steamer Solglimt were taken from Marion Island and half of the shipwrecked men were taken on each vessel.

COASTING SEAMEN NOT ADMITTED IN HOSPITAL

Order Issued From Ottawa That Only Men of Foreign Going Ships Are Admissible.

An order has been received from Ottawa that seamen from coasting steamers are not in future to be admitted to the marine hospital. Only men from foreign going ships are in future to be taken in. The order has provoked considerable adverse comment among shipping men, held by Dr. Godin, who was sent from Ottawa for that purpose and while here he stated in answer to the complaints about the badly-found condition of the marine hospital, that it was proposed to cut down the expense of the hospital. He also stated that he had the intention of closing the hospital following the settlement of the Indian reserve question when other arrangements would be made for taking care of seamen in need of medical treatment and care.

WRECKED FERRY BARGE PARTLY UNDER WATER

Covered for Fifty Feet Aft—Steamer Maude Sent North to Assist Salvors

News was received yesterday from the wrecked C. P. R. barge Transfer, stating that the vessel is more seriously injured than was previously reported. She almost turned over before the tug Czar got the leading barge, heavily loaded with lumber for Prince Rupert, into Plummer Bay, in Discovery passage. Word was telegraphed from Union Bay yesterday stating that the barge was under water at for fifty feet. The divers taken up by the B. C. Salvage company's tug William Jolliffe were engaged in making repairs under water and the big centrifugal pumps were to be put to work as soon as the barge was made tight. The salvors asked that the steamer Maude be sent from Vancouver and the B. C. Salvage company complied.

The injured Transfer is not the vessel built by the Victoria Machinery company, but the Transfer No. 1, a smaller barge, built at Vancouver.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CHARTER MARKET

Grain Chartering at a Standstill—More Life in the Lumber Business

One grain charter during the week, a French vessel to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom at a rate of 15s. shows without further comment the condition of the grain freight market, says the S. F. Commercial News in its weekly review of the charter market. This is the only business of the week, and no more is in prospect.

Lumber chartering, while not active, shows rather more life. Puget Sound to a direct port United Kingdom has been done at 41s. 3d., with 2s. 6d. extra for two ports of discharge; Puget Sound to Iquique has been done at 40s., and to Valparaiso for orders at 42s. 6d., with 2s. 6d. less for direct port. Coastwise chartering is dull at the lately reduced rates of \$4.00 south and \$3.50 to this port.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s. 6d.; 30s.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s.; Port Pirie, 30s.; 32s.; to Fremantle, 37s. 6d.; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s.; Callao, 38s. 9d.; 40s.; direct nitrate ports, 38s. 9d.; 40s.; Valparaiso for orders, 40s.; 42s. 6d.; 2s. 6d. less to a direct port; to South African ports, 6d.; Guaymas, \$9. Santa Rosalia, \$7.

In time chartering the Harriman lines have taken the four Norwegian steamers—Selja, Rygla, Hercules and Henrik Ibsen—for a period of three years to supplant the Alesia, Numania, Arabia and Nicomedia on the Portland-Oriental run. The charters of these German vessels expire shortly, and the Norwegian lines will enter the new service as soon as their present voyages are finished.

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SEALERS TELL OF BIG CATCHES MADE

Capt. Folger Took 4,070 Sealskins and 55 Sea-Otter Pelts Into Yokohama

The news of the big catch of the sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahue in the waters far to the south of the Cape of Good Hope caused much comment among local sealers yesterday when Capt. Folger of that big catcher was recalled. "The biggest catch of sealskins was taken in 1885 by Capt. Folger in the schooner Penelope, which was lost a few years ago at Chatham Bay," said an old-time sealer. "Capt. Folger was hunting out of Yokohama in those days in the Penelope and in a cruise lasting four months and ten days he brought home 4,070 sealskins and 55 sea-otter skins. He found a new rookery, not a breeding ground, but a temporary rookery on Kyok, one of the little islands of the Kurile group, and he took over 4,000 seals from the island. He had a part crew of Japanese and they spent five days on the island, a little place which a boat's crew could row around in an hour. The Penelope was bound into the Okhotsk sea when she came off this island where a Japanese schooner went yearly after sea-lion oil, and large numbers of seals were seen in the water. When a boat was lowered it was seen that the herd on the rocks must have held 15,000. The first day's work ashore resulted in 800 seals being killed and in order to work through the surf a hedge anchor was run out and a boat was run out on the line to meet another boat from the schooner. When the sealers had spent five days on the island there was scarcely a bucket of salt left on board and the schooner weighed anchor and ran back to Yokohama, where, after an absence of four months and ten days she landed 4,070 sealskins and 55 otter pelts.

Capt. Snow, who has since left the sea, took 2,500 seals from the same island four years later, and many a schooner visited the place and found not a vestige of a seal near it. The Japanese schooner which went after sea-lion oil reached the rookery ten days after the Penelope's visit and found the seal herd intact. Capt. Folger brought the largest seal otter catch that was landed at Victoria. In 1879 when he was in the schooner Alexander out of San Francisco he landed 179 sea-otters and which he later sold for about a ton. The school is located on Johnson Head being built then, and spread out on rough benches made between the new-built walls they salted and casked 179 sea-otters and had 200 more on board.

Capt. Dave Scouler has bought the launch Snipe at Vancouver to carry supplies from Lund to logging camps on Toba inlet.

INVERIC EXPECTED FROM THE ORIENT

Bank Line Steamer is Due—Harold Grant Will Leave on the Shimo Maru

The steamer Inveric, of the Bank line, which left Yokohama 17 days ago, is expected to reach port today from Japan, and will be taken to east. She has 200 tons of general freight to land here.

The steamer Shikano Maru, Capt. Kawara, of the Nippon Yusen kaisha, will arrive from Seattle outbound and will call at the outer port at about 5 p.m. Harold Grant, son of Capt. William Grant of this city, is one of the passengers booked by the Japanese liner.

Advices were received yesterday that the United Western Steamship company is in negotiation with the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for the equipment of the entire fleet of six liners to be operated by the Japanese steamship company with high power apparatus, capable of sending messages for 2,000 miles.

The steamer Tango Maru, of the Nippon Yusen kaisha, Capt. Parsons, is expected to reach port tomorrow or Thursday from Hongkong and way ports. She has 850 tons of general freight to land here.

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C.P.R. Dock—British steamer Empress of Japan.

The Overdue Market.
List of vessels on which extra rates are being paid.
Liverpool, Oct. 10, for Port Pirie, spoken Oct. 20 in lat. 60 N. long. 15 W.; days out 123; ga. p.c. 5.
Hasting, Dec. South Sea, 22, for Callao, sailed Tilbury, Sept. 18. Reported at Montevideo; ga. p.c. 6.
Port George, New York, July 25, for Honolulu, spoken Aug. 27 in lat. 11 north, long. 25 west; days out 193; ga. p.c. 40.

Frank, Loebos d'Aguera, Sept. 22, for Paimouth, or Queenstown; days out 141; ga. p.c. 10.
Mississippi—Carabelle, Dec. 6, for Lubeck; days out 68; ga. p.c. 25.
Mississippi—Fello, New Caledonia, Sept. 6, for Havre; days out 157; ga. p.c. 50.
Wilhelmine—Hastings Mills, B. C. Aug. 25, for Cardiff, passed Tatoosh Aug. 25; days out 181; ga. p.c. 10.

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Daily ex. Monday, 7.00 p.m.	Ar. Vancouver Ar.	9.00 a.m. daily except Wed.			
Daily ex. Monday, 10.00 p.m.	Ar. Vancouver Ar.	7.30 a.m. daily except Tues.			
Daily ex. Tuesday, 7.30 a.m.	Lv. Seattle Ar.	9.00 p.m. daily except Tues.			
Daily ex. Tuesday, 8.30 a.m.	Lv. Seattle Ar.	9.00 p.m. daily except Tues.			
Daily ex. Tuesday, 1.00 p.m.	Ar. Victoria Lv.	3.30 p.m. daily except Tues.			

VICTORIA—VANCOUVER					
Princess Charlotte		Princess Victoria		Princess Royal	
12.30 a.m. dly	2.00 p.m. dly	Lv. Victoria	Ar.	2.15 p.m. dly	6.00 p.m. dly
7.30 a.m. dly	7.00 p.m. dly (ex. Mon.)	Ar. Vancouver	Lv.	7.30 a.m. dly (ex. Wed.)	1.00 p.m. dly

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. Brethour, of Sidney, is in the city. He arrived yesterday morning.

J. Sherring, of Keatings Crossing, is in the city.

Mr. W. H. Haskett, of Port Harmon is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Berkeley was among last week's hostesses.

Mr. Maurice Delaney, of Boston, Mass., is spending a few days in town.

Mr. T. F. Jackson, of Toronto, is on a visit to Victoria, and during his visit is a guest at the Driland hotel.

The Tuesday Bridge club will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Blackwood, Linden avenue.

Fred Fletcher, of Otter Point, has returned to the city to undergo further treatment.

W. Blakemore left last evening for Port Rupert to investigate some mineral claims there.

E. A. Morris returned last evening on the Princess Charlotte to Vancouver, after a short business trip here.

C. B. Sword, Inspector of Dominion fisheries, went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Dr. Robson and Dr. White, of Vancouver, returned to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

W. B. Monteith went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

E. J. Clark, of Vancouver, is in the city on business. He is registered at the Dominion hotel.

C. N. Bolton and Wm. Atkinson, of Summerland, are in the city. They are guests at the Dominion.

Mrs. Johns came in from Sidney by the V. & S. railway yesterday morning and is visiting friends here.

Miss Jessie Brown, of Sidney, is in the city. She came yesterday morning by the V. & S. train.

J. Martineau, of Sidney, is in the city on business. He arrived by the V. & S. train yesterday morning.

Mrs. Bennett, of Sidney, came in yesterday morning by the V. & S. train.

L. Q. Lacombrack, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

Doctors Telford and Walkem, of Vancouver, came over from the Mainland yesterday and are staying at the Dominion.

F. H. Shepherd and John W. Coburn, of Nanaimo, arrived here at noon yesterday and are making their headquarters at the King Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Leslie, of Calgary, who have been making a month's stay with relatives here, left last night on their return home.

Mr. Justice Irving returned home yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria, coming from the upper country via Seattle.

Mrs. Spalding, of South Pender Island, arrived in Victoria on Saturday and is the guest of Mrs. MacKay, her mother, Menzies street.

Mr. John St. I. Browne, of Seattle, who has been spending the past week in Victoria and district on a business trip, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. and Miss Riddle, who have been spending some time in Victoria, left on Saturday en route for their home in Detroit.

Mr. D'Arcy Tate, who left town on Saturday for Edmonton and Calgary, expects to return to Victoria in a week or so.

Mrs. Waxstock, of the "Elite," accompanied by her head milliner, has left town en route for Seattle and Portland on a business visit.

According to special cable advices from London, Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, secretary of state, will make a tour of Canada in August next, visiting Victoria and Vancouver.

A. A. Galbraith, a timber scaler, of Nanaimo, was among the incoming passengers by the noon E. & N. train yesterday and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Shaw, and Miss M. G. Shaw, who have been spending the past two months at the Oak Bay hotel, left on Sunday evening via the C.P.R. for New York, whence they will sail on the White Star liner Adriatic for Southampton.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte last night for Vancouver were: J. McMillan, C. S. Douglas, W. A. McDonald, G. S. Baldwin, M. F. Quigley, E. A. Howard, A. H. McNeil, Miss Irving, J. C. Keith, W. E. Burns, A. C. Roberts.

VANCOUVER BILLS

The private bills committee yesterday considered the bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, and the bill to extend the time for the expropriations to be made by the city of Vancouver on the False Creek foreshore rights.

The B. C. Telephone Company, through General Manager Farrell, opposed the request of the city of Vancouver to obtain the right to operate a telephone service. This section was cut out by the committee, as was also the clause in the bill prohibiting hawkers.

The City of Vancouver asked an extension of six years for making the False Creek expropriations. This was cut down by the committee to one year. The city was represented by Assistant City Solicitor Macdonald, Mayor Douglas, and several aldermen. Jos. Martin, K. C., and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., headed the opposition on behalf of the property owners.

OAK BAY DISTRICT TRAMWAY EXTENSION

Work Proposed in Adjacent Municipality—Water Committee Reports

The announcement through a report of the road, sewers and bridges committee that the British Columbia Electric Railway company propose certain extensions and alterations to their system in the district was one of the most important matters considered at the regular meeting of the Oak Bay council, held last evening. Reeve Henderson occupied the chair and there were present Councillors Oliver, McGregor, Noble, Newton and Colbert.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the clerk submitted an account of the different questions that had come before the roads, sewers and bridges committee at their regular Friday session. This read, in part, as follows:

Tramway Extensions

"Notification was received from A. T. Goward, manager of the local branch of the B. C. Electric Railway company that it was proposed extending the tram line from Cadboro Bay road, thence along Empress street to Third street, thence through the said grounds to a point opposite the exhibition road, thence along the exhibition road to Cadboro Bay road.

"Also the extension of the tram line from Newport avenue through Block 'M', section 23, map 368 to Saratoga avenue, thence along Saratoga avenue to Newport avenue.

"It was requested that the statutory notice of thirty days be waived in order that the B. C. Electric Railway company might commence work at once.

On motion it was decided that the council waive the thirty days required by the statutes when the final plans have been certified by the engineer.

It also was stated that accounts to the amount of \$451.80 had been passed and ordered paid.

Improving Beach Drive

The engineer outlined a suggestion made by M. Rattenbury which he recommended be adopted. It was to the effect that the beach drive be continued to a point about 220 feet from the northern boundary of his property and then, with a slight angle, be run back to the beach drive at the south side of the beach line. A sketch of the proposed change was submitted showing that it would do away with the objectionable reverse curve at San Carlos avenue. After some discussion the project was endorsed.

The law committee reported having held a meeting at which the request of Kirby, Oldfield and Gardner that the present assessment on their property, known as The Upland Farm, stand for a period of ten years was considered. A decision had been reached providing that an agreement between the owners and the council be prepared, and, if satisfactory, signed and laid before the provincial legislature for special ratification. This was adopted.

Report on Water

Councillor W. E. Oliver begged permission, on behalf of the water committee, to give a brief verbal report. He said that it had been decided to act in conjunction with representatives of the Saanich municipality in this matter. Accordingly a conference between the two bodies had been held, and, as a result, it had been agreed to request the provincial government to place the control of all the water supply within a twenty mile radius of and including the city of Victoria in the hands of a separate water board on which all incorporated municipalities and unorganized districts within the area should be represented. The opinion also had been concurred in that the authorities be asked to take some action making it obligatory on Victoria to extend the benefits of its service to all districts within a radius of twenty miles of its boundaries.

A communication was received from the constable announcing that on the 11th inst. he had been called to the residence of Mrs. Coburn, Oak Bay, and had found her somewhat seriously injured. It had been alleged that she had been assaulted. No action, however, had been taken as Mrs. Coburn had declined to make a charge. Councillor Noble requested that the matter be referred to the roads, sewers and bridges committee as there were some aspects of the case he wished to bring up for discussion. This carried.

Permanent Sidewalk

A petition was read from a number of property owners requesting the laying of a permanent sidewalk on the north side of Oak Bay avenue between Foul Bay and Hampshire roads. Councillor Oliver moved that it take its usual course. This passed.

Councillor Newton wanted to know whether a tabulated list of instructions to the constable had been drafted.

He was informed by Councillor Noble, chairman of the roads, sewers and bridges committee, that no action had been taken pending advice from the solicitors.

Councillor Oliver asked whether the suggestion that the engineer be required to draft, weekly or fortnightly, a list of the public works proposed or in progress within the confines of the district had been acted upon. He believed that such information would be of value to the members of the council.

The engineer agreed to undertake the work.

To Call for Tenders

Councillor Newton moved that the engineer prepare a list of the supplies needed for the year and that tenders be called for with as little delay as possible. This carried.

After a somewhat lengthy discussion it was decided that the regular fortnightly meetings of the roads, sewers and bridges committee would be held, hereafter, on the Friday preceding the council's session at 10 a. m. at the offices of the clerk chamberlay.

The annual loan and other bylaws went through their final stages and were adopted.

It was announced by Clerk Floyd that an offer had been received from the manager of the bank of British North America for \$16,000 worth of the debentures of the municipality. Some he agreed to take up at .96 and others at .97. As yet nothing has been done. The matter was in the hands of a special committee who have been given power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.

England sends great quantities of condensed milk and biscuits to China. Mme. Curie who helped her husband to discover radium, has just been elected a corresponding member of the St. Petersburg Academy of Science.

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ALLEGED ILLEGAL DISTRESS PROCEEDINGS

Judgment Reserved in the Case Against Hinkson Siddall—Contradictory Evidence

Judge Lampman was occupied all day yesterday in the county court hearing the case of Johansen, vs. Siddall, in which the local bailiff was being sued for \$300 damages for alleged illegal distress. Johansen's story was that last August he owed \$15 for rent in respect of a boathouse which he was occupying on Kingston street, when his furniture and effects were seized by the defendant under a landlord's distress warrant. He claimed that he had paid \$300 for the effects in his place, all of which were seized. These included a quantity of tools in an out-house on the premises.

He had been out of work for some time but a day or two after the seizure he had got a job on the city reservoir. He asked Siddall to hold his stuff for a month to give him time to earn enough money to redeem the furniture, and went out to his work on a Monday morning. At the time mentioned he returned and found all his stuff gone. He applied in vain for an account from Siddall, being merely told that his goods had been sold and had not received the amount of the rent and costs, or some \$30 all told.

Siddall's story was that he had given the plaintiff every chance to settle up, but that Johansen had finally gone away, telling him to sell the goods to the best advantage. This he had done, as the things were very old and dilapidated. He knew nothing of his tools and had not seized them.

The plaintiff was corroborated as to his statements in regard to what he had in his shack to some extent by a friend of his who lived in the vicinity. His estimate as to their value was owing to a change in ownership. The sheriff had been called upon to give up a house in which he had been living and had refused to do so and the sheriff had been called in. On this occasion the sheriff had sized up the furniture and effects and had come to the conclusion that if sold they would fetch from \$100 to \$150.

On the other hand the defendant said that he had called in a couple of auctioneers and second-hand dealers, one of whom subsequently sold the goods at auction, and they upheld Siddall's estimate. One of them had valued the stuff at \$20.50 and the other had sold it for \$17.70. Their estimate was borne out by a third auctioneer, at that time employed as a clerk by the seller. All three testified in court yesterday.

The plaintiff swore that he had left the door of his house locked and had hid the key in a box, the defendant asserting that when he made the seizure he found the door open. Judge Lampman, however, adopted Siddall's version. In the course of the argument, counsel for the defendant admitted that the sale was irregular in that the goods were not appraised by two men sworn for that purpose by the sheriff as provided by the act, and because the notice was faulty. He argued, however, that the goods were fairly sold and fetched what they were reasonably worth, and so under the authorities no special damage had been suffered, and thus the defendant was entitled to a verdict.

His honor plainly intimated during the trial that he did not think that the goods taken were of much value, but reserved judgment to look into the authorities cited. For the plaintiff it was contended that it was shown that while under the defective notice only a portion of the goods could be seized, as a matter of fact all had been seized. Some of them apparently had not been sold, but all had disappeared, and the plaintiff was entitled to recover the price which he had paid for them.

H. W. R. Moore appeared for the plaintiff and D. S. Tait for the defendant.

the shipping traffic between the Pacific coast and Yokkaichi, the Japanese department of communications has decided to erect a lighthouse on Kani Island, near the entrance to the Bay of Ise, at a cost of 23,000 yen. The work of construction will be started as soon as the new estimate of the department, in which the above sum is included, is approved by the Imperial diet.

Gambling is said to be on the increase among the women of Ireland. Last year 1,316 ownerless dogs were received into the Dog and Cat home in Glasgow.

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WATER CLAUSES

BILL EXPLAINED

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and discharge of the water. The acre-foot had also been adopted as the unit of measurement for quantity.

The bill proposed not only to take power to deal with applications for all licenses made after its passing, but with all records. In many cases the old records were misleading. The names of creeks had changed frequently. In many cases records had been taken out by pre-emptors, and the land had changed hands very frequently since that time. The longer this state of affairs was left the worse it would become.

A Board of Investigation

The intention of Part Three of the bill was to deal with existing records by a board of investigation appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. This would consist of the chief water commissioner appointed by the executive and whatever other members might be appointed from time to time. This board would take up the water sources stream by stream, obtaining all possible data. Estimates would be made as to the area of land the water would supply. Notices would be issued to the holders of records, a hearing would be given and the board would adjudicate on their claims. A section was inserted to the effect that the decision of the board should be final and conclusive, and that there should be no appeal therefrom. This was to prevent the cases from dragging on indefinitely.

Mr. Fulton then took up the bill section by section, showing the various points of difference from previous enactments.

John Oliver (Delta), moved adjournment of the debate.

Goat River Power

In committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited, a debate arose that had some interesting developments. The company asked for considerable water privileges, and Mr. Carter-Cotton suggested that it should be under the clauses of the Water Act.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland), said that there should be some general statute under which railroads could be incorporated, just as companies are now incorporated under the Companies Act. Mr. Carter-Cotton said that he had had such a thing in his mind for a long time.

The bill asked for wide powers regarding its capital stock, and Mr. Oliver (Delta), suggested sarcastically that "the entire Province should be

handed over to Mr. E. V. Bodwell and his associates to do as they pleased with it. This would save the time of the Legislature and a great deal of printing."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo), said that the bill was the most extraordinary one he had ever seen in the Legislature. He said that people were asked to put their money in the company, and the company had no compulsion to tell them what disposal was being made of the funds. He remarked that the railway committee did not properly consider railway bills, the fate of the measure depending on what the committee members had had for breakfast.

Mr. Oliver (Delta) suggested that the attorney-general in return for his salary of \$6,000 per year might give a legal opinion on these private bills. The committee arose and reported progress.

Other Legislation

The bill to extend the time for the expenditure of ten per cent of the salary of the South-east Kootenay railway was reported.

The minister of agriculture introduced a bill to amend the Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation act. The intent of this measure is to limit the liability of members of institutes to the amount unpaid in the stock of the institute subscribed for by each member.

The attorney-general introduced a bill to amend the Jurors' act. It is a purely judicial measure.

The bill introduced by the minister of agriculture to regulate the sale of poisonous substances for use in agriculture and horticulture was passed.

The bill to amend the Supreme Court act was reported with the following amendment:

In all matters before any district registrar or special examiner, where the evidence is taken down by an official stenographer or his deputy, the said district registrar or special examiner shall attend and administer the necessary oath and thereafter the taking of said testimony and the whole proceeding shall continue to be a judicial proceeding, notwithstanding the absence of the district registrar or special examiner. The provisions of this sub-section shall extend to similar proceedings in county courts.

Mr. Oliver asked the hon. the attorney-general the following questions:

1. Was the store of Mr. C. D. Morris at Eagle Pass, searched for liquor in June, 1908, by the provincial police?

2. If so, did the police act upon information charging the said C. D. Morris with being in possession of liquor contrary to law?

3. If so, who laid the information upon which the police acted?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:

1. Yes.

2. The police acted upon information which it is not in the interests of the administration of justice to disclose.

3. Answered by the reply to question No. 2.

Hon. Mr. Fulton presented a return of copies of all orders in council, letters, telegrams, agreements or other papers or documents relative to the acquisition by the Victoria Terminal Railway company or the V. & E. R. Co. of any foreshore rights situate in Delta electoral district.

The Hon. Mr. Bowser presented a return of copies of judgments of any court, in each case of prosecution under the authority of chap. 23, 1908, entitled "An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia."

The Norwegian steamer Elir is coaling at Comox.

A Morgan, for years engaged on the Pacific mail steamers, has come north to join the German steamer Erna as putser.

A report from Carmanah last night says a four-master passed there inbound at 8 p.m. The four-master bark Puritan is due with a cargo of tar from Boston for Vancouver.

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan was two days late in reaching Yokohama. She arrived on Saturday afternoon. The white liner was late in leaving, having been delayed awaiting the mails.

INSURANCE BILL IS CONSIDERED BY BOARD

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close of the meeting that Lloyd's was the only outside organization in which I was interested."

Mr. Challenor: "The discussion about Lloyd's took place more particularly after Mr. Bodwell left. Indeed, I do not think that before he went Lloyd's was mentioned."

Mr. Bodwell continued: "As far as the board of fire underwriters is concerned, long before that meeting they decided that they were perfectly willing to have Lloyd's taken out of the bill. (Hear, hear.) We were before the government before that meeting took place, and while the government did not ask for the exclusion of Lloyd's, we of our own motion, made that proposal, and because Lloyd's should not pay the same as other joint stock companies, but simply because of its peculiar organization it could not comply with the provisions of this bill, while its responsibility is so unimpeachable that the question of the exclusion of the bill which it assumed could be possible."

(Hear, hear and applause.) And why, on principle should not a mutual company pay a license fee precisely like a joint stock company, for it was certainly their desire to secure protection against this miserable and most unfair kind of competition." (Hear, hear and applause.)

Indeed there was nothing new about these provisions for a Dominion Act now enforced a deposit of \$50,000 and made inspection necessary. While the provinces of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario had enacted similar legislation. (Hear, hear and applause.) And the Dominion Act would now apply to this Province had not Mr. Wilson, while Attorney-General, imposed upon extra-provincial companies a tax of \$250 for revenue purposes not anticipating the outcome that these companies would and could do business here without registering. (Hear, hear and applause.) It was only right in the circumstances that the agents who were doing business in this country should be held responsible. (Applause.)

Mr. Shalleross said it was now apparent that two reasons existed for the presentation of this bill. (1.) It was because Mr. Palmer had failed to take Mr. Bodwell's advice and had insured out of the country. While in the second place it was designed for the protection of the local agents, for this was the gist of Mr. Bodwell's statements. (Hear, hear.)

But the companies which were protected under this bill were foreign, not home companies, while the National Policy was designed for the protection of home industries. (Hear, hear.)

This was in his opinion, not at all a fair analogy, as these companies were domiciled abroad and conducted their operations in this province through local agents. (Hear, hear.)

And as one agent had informed him that if the \$300 local tax were removed his company would reduce its rates 10 per cent it was clear that those who insured were paying this 10 per cent. (Hear, hear.)

This bill had evidently been in incubation during many weeks past, and if its provisions were passed, the interest of the public at large would not all the facts been made known at a much earlier date? (Hear, hear.)

Interview after interview had been held with the government, having as their object non-interference with the commission of these agents by foreign companies, and it was purely through accident that the peculiar provisions of this bill had become known to the general public. (Hear, hear.)

Shut your eyes very tightly and open your mouths very widely and see what a lot of good things you will get what an injunction with which they had been familiar in childhood. (Hear, hear and laughter.) And the Fairly fairly surrounded them that afternoon accompanied by their charming Fairy God-Mother, Mr. Bodwell! (Hear, hear and laughter.) And so true fairy fashion, they were told of all the good things which would in due time be showered upon them, and this absolutely faultless and perfectly lovely bill. (Hear, hear and laughter.)

And of course their premiums were to be cut down one-half! (Laughter.) Although as a matter of fact, the bill would compel mutual and all outside companies to do business in a certain restricted way, and possibly they would be told that they should run the risk of having their premiums doubled in order that all the insurance which was done in this province should solely pass through the hands of the local agents, which assuredly was not for the public benefit. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bodwell had urged that complaints had only come from a few individuals, but if the provisions of this bill had been known for a few days, the fire insurance companies to every one that had so far appeared would have made themselves apparent. (Hear, hear.)

Two points merited at this stage the most serious consideration at their hands. (1.) Would the enactment of this measure into law prevent legitimate competition. (2.) Would it afford any protection to the insurers. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bodwell contended that the \$30,000 deposit would not cost the company concerned anything at all, as it would deposit three or four per cent. trust securities. Whereas as a matter of fact, such securities were always held at headquarters for the purpose of sale in any moment when funds might be required. (Hear, hear.)

consequently if such deposits were made they would probably be effected in the shape of 7, instead of 4 per cent. securities, and the companies would therefore lose the difference between the 4 per cent and the interest that they would get upon stocks of second and third quality. (Hear, hear.)

Three per cent upon \$30,000 meant \$900 a year, and if a charge of \$300 a year meant an extra 10 per cent upon their premiums the payment of an extra \$900 would surely mean at least an extra of so much more. (Hear, hear.)

In addition, under the provisions of this bill these companies were required to subscribe \$30,000 a year towards the cost of a Provincial Inspector which would no doubt mean another charge upon their insurance premiums. (Hear, hear.)

For neither these companies nor these agents were here for money! (Hear, hear.)

Again, if this bill were placed upon the statute book it would be the very worst thing possible for the policyholders, as in the case of a really serious fire, \$30,000 would be only a flea-bit, compared with the total losses. (Hear, hear.)

And as such a deposit had been made, the payment of such a sum would give an appearance of stability, companies which were really very weak might be enabled to secure an im-

mense amount of business, although by such legislation the government did not in the slightest degree intend to guarantee either the integrity or the soundness of the companies which were doing business in this province. (Hear, hear.)

And the consequences of such legislation might react very seriously against the Administration. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Forman—Why not make the deposit \$50,000, instead of the Dominion act, or even \$100,000?

Mr. Shalleross—This bill, if it becomes law, will simply prove to be a means for keeping out competition, and for preventing the people of this province effecting the cheapest and the best kind of insurance, that they need. (Hear, hear.)

As far as I myself am concerned, all my insurance is held by the old line companies, but if I were in Mr. Palmer's place, and had \$300,000 or \$400,000, of mill or factory insurance to place I would be absolutely compelled to go out of British Columbia. (Hear, hear.)

Now, Lloyd's never cuts rates.

A Voice—Oh, yes, it does.

Mr. Shalleross—And all its competition depends upon the companies that Lloyd's is asked to accept insurance from. (Hear, hear.)

And we do not wish to facilitate for taking that insurance. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. E. M. Johnson maintained that Mr. Shalleross was drawing a herring across the trail. (Hear, hear.) The foreign company which was unlicensed and unregistered could not be either licensed or registered, and if you do pay their losses as they could not be pursued here or in their own country. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Shalleross—Has not our supreme court decided otherwise?

Mr. Bodwell—You cannot sue a foreign company. You write do not run in the United States, and this business with an unregistered company you cannot sue here. They can write a policy here, but if they do not pay losses incurred you are absolutely without remedy.

Mr. Johnson is perfectly right; for in such a case there is no remedy.

Mr. Ker—But if the insurers are willing to take the chances what objection can arise?

Hon. Mr. Prior remarked that mutual companies existed in the trades, by means of which they insured each other, as was the case with hardware men, and enquired whether this kind of insurance in respect to which they simply relied upon the reputation of the firms interested in it for their money in the event of loss, would be permitted under this bill?

And Mr. Bodwell replied: No doubt any matter of that kind could be specially arranged for in the act.

Mr. Richard Heall contended that if these big corporations and big business houses demanded free trade in insurance, free trade should be extended to their own businesses. (Hear, hear.)

The bulk of the insurance business in the United States was as a matter of fact done by a combination of companies. (Hear, hear.)

And if they were seeking concerned legitimate and not unfair competition. (Hear, hear.)

If a good high pressure system and a proper reservoir were provided in this city, the rates would be reduced. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Spencer observed that while manufacturers were merchants were not protected. (Hear, hear.)

and held that the insurance rates which were in many instances charged out here in the west, were excessive. (Hear, hear.)

Recent insurance legislation in the United States had been directed towards preventing monopolies, while Missouri had even gone so far as to make it a statutory offence for two companies to combine in levying the same rate. (Hear, hear.)

This bill on the other hand clearly sought to prevent competition, and was completely antagonistic to the spirit of the times. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. Prior: Hear, hear, and applause.

Mr. D. R. Ker—I do not think that it will make much difference with certain gentlemen here how weighty the arguments which are presented against this bill may be, as they are pledged to vote against our position, and all costs. (Hear, hear.)

While it is further clear that, these gentlemen are in the majority this afternoon, clearly showing that they have made a concerted effort in opposition to our contentions. (Hear, hear.)

And nevertheless, I am confident, that their attitude towards the insurance industry, the government. (Hear, hear.)

Indeed, this bill is so sublimely ridiculous from the start to the finish that I feel perfectly satisfied that we will hear very little more of it. (Hear, hear and laughter.)

As for myself, I may say that I am a very long believer in insurance, and I hold that everybody should be encouraged to insure, as it forms one of the very best possible safeguards against calamity and loss. (Hear, hear and applause.)

I do not believe that any one present carries either more life or more fire insurance than I do, and I not only believe in it most firmly and most conscientiously, but what is more to the point I am continually preaching it. (Hear, hear.)

But nevertheless, I have the very strongest possible objections to being held up for two prices. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Palmer, through having recourse to outside companies, reduced his rate from \$5.75 to less than 2 per cent, while Mr. Heap and Col. Prior made much the same statement. (Hear, hear.)

Millers Mutuals do not exist in Western Canada, nor would they pay; and we are consequently obliged to resort to these mutual companies in the States. (Hear, hear.)

They are perfectly satisfied respecting their reliability, while we get our insurance for less than half the rates, which the board companies charge. (Hear, hear.)

The rates in Victoria have kept on advancing during the last four or five years, and while these changes have been terminal, the readjustment, which I know perfectly well that this readjustment has meant a tremendous advance in rates. (Hear, hear.)

I know for instance that in my own case it has been the same in the case of others, that simply because half a dozen small fires in the aggregate occurred, were we called upon to pay an additional 30 per cent; although these companies were at that very time with the existing rates making money hand over fist. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bodwell has tried to place me in a false position. (Hear, hear.)

It is quite true that I have built up a large business in this city, and in this province, but could I not have done as well upon the other side? (Hear, hear.)

While I do not begrudge the agents a cent of their commissions, Mr. Bodwell has made a wholly unfair comparison, and I am simply astonished that a professional man of Mr. Bodwell's standing would so much as stoop to such childish and such perfectly ridiculous arguments. (Hear, hear.)

I consider that certainly a very grave injustice would be committed if this bill were allowed to become law in its present shape. (Hear, hear and applause.)

I can save fifty per cent or more in my rates by going outside the province and the money which is paid in premiums, does not remain here in any case. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. C. F. Todd: We pay a good deal for insurance and there can be no question that since these companies were formed into a board the rates have been raised, while an attempt has been made to prevent competition. (Hear, hear.)

These statements cannot indeed be successfully traversed, and what in these circumstances is the position of the average merchant? It is all well enough to pretend that he is protected, but this is not the case, although it is true that in some sense the manufacturer is protected. (Hear, hear.)

We perceive that the insurance agents who are here today are going to vote in favor of their own interests, but if they are voting for leaving the adjustment of the rates in the hands of the government I do not believe that one-half of the opposition to this bill which is now in evidence would exist. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Hall: If the government adjusts the rates and the fire insurance losses I am of opinion that they would be much less accommodating than are in practice the company's adjusters. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. A. Mara: In all parliamentary and public bodies, whenever a subject is under discussion in which certain members of these bodies are personally and financially interested, such members are always supposed in such cases to refrain from casting their votes. (Hear, hear and laughter.)

And I would ask these gentlemen here whether they consider, that in the circumstances of their situation they can honorably cast a vote today? (Hear, hear.)

After some further discussion, the vote was taken and the motion was defeated by a vote of 23 for to 28 against, upon the following division:

Ayes: W. J. Ambery, H. F. Bullen, W. G. Cameron, Geo. Carter, W. J. Challenor, J. Hanna, D. R. Ker, A. W. Knight, J. A. Mara, Geo. McCall, R. B. McKicking, A. H. Mitchell, F. A. Pauline, Col. E. G. Prior, C. W. Rhodes, H. G. Ross, J. J. Shalleross, Thos. Shothold, Chris. Spence, W. J. Staneand, C. F. Todd, B. Wilson, Andrew Wright.

Noes: C. S. Baxter, E. V. Bodwell, Beaumont Boggs, A. W. Bridgman, R. S. Day, R. L. Drury, Jas. Forman, L. A. Gage, Capt. Wm. Grant, Richard Hall, B. S. Holsternman, C. A. Holland, K. H. Johnson, J. H. Johnson, Joshua Kinkham, G. A. Kirk, W. A. Lawson, E. B. Marvin, A. E. McLean, B. C. Mess, S. R. Newton, F. B. Pemberton, J. D. Prentice, J. B. H. Pickaby, Stuart Robertson, T. H. Slater, R. H. Smeaton, Walter Walker.

The board then adjourned.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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